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Monday October 1st 1897

This being the day appointed by law for the meeting of the General Assembly of the Territory of Arkansas the following Members of the House of Representatives appeared were duly qualified and took their seats viz

From Lawrence County		George S. Housheath
" Independence & Logan do		John Ringgold
" Pulaski & Conway do		Ambrose H. Sever
" Crawford do		Mark Bean
" Phelps & Crittenden do		John Johnson
" Arkansas & Chicot do		Wm Montgomery
" Clark do		Joseph Hardin
" Hempstead do		John Wilson
" Miller do		James Clark

A motion being formed ~~Mr~~ Montgomery was called to the Chair and the House called to order

The House then proceeded to the election of a clerk

When the ballots were ^{counted} Andrew Roane had five votes, and Daniel Kings four votes. Whereupon Andrew Roane was declared to be duly elected clerk.

The House then proceeded to elect a Speaker when Ambrose H. Sever was unanimously elected

The House then proceeded to elect a Doorkeeper when Ezra Owens was duly elected

A message was sent to the Legislative Council by Mr Wilson informing them that the House of Representatives was organized and ready to proceed to business and requesting the attendance of the Members of the Legislative Council in the Representative Hall for the purpose of electing an Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Hogan informing them that they were organized and ready to proceed to business

The Legislative Council having convened in the Representative Hall the two houses proceeded to elect an Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk and on counting the votes it was found that William Woodruff had eleven votes and Allen Oakley had also eleven votes no one having a majority a second balloting took place when the same

result was produced no choice having been made

A message from the Legislative Council informing the house that they had appointed Messrs Hogan & Farrelly as a joint committee on the part of the Legislative Council to act with such committee as the ^{house} might think proper to appoint to wait on his excellency the Governor of the Territory of Arkansas and inform him that the two Houses of the General Assembly of the Territory of Arkansas were organized and ready to receive any communication that he may have to make them

On motion of Mr. Wilson

was It is ordered that Messrs Wilson and Montgomery be appointed a committee on the part of this House to go in conjunction with a committee from the Legislative Council to wait upon his Excellency the Governor of the Territory of Arkansas

An action moved that a committee be appointed to act in conjunction with a committee from the Legislative Council to wait on his Excellency the Governor of Arkansas to inform him that the two Houses of the General Assembly of the Territory of Arkansas were organized and ready to receive any communication that he may have to make, which was adopted and Messrs Wilson and Montgomery were appointed that committee

So the House adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning

Tuesday Morning October 2nd 1827

The House met pursuant to adjournment
On motion of Mr Hardin the Rules and Joint
Rules of the last Session of the General Assembly of
the Territory of Arkansas were adapted as the Rules
of the present Session and the Legislative Council
informed thereof by Message

Mr Wilson from the joint Committee appointed
to wait on the Governor and inform him that
both Houses were organized and ready to receive
any message he might wish to make reported
that the same had performed that duty
and that the Governor would send a message at
10 o'clock, this day by his private Secretary

The Legislative Council having convened in the
Representative Hall the following message was
presented to both Houses by Mr Smith the
private Secretary to the Governor and was
read by Mr Newton the Secretary of the Council

Fellow Citizens of the Legislative
Council and of the House of Representatives.

When the two Houses of our Territorial Legislature
in 1820 I expected to have the satisfaction of ann-
ouncing to their constituents at this moment that our
population had reached the point at which by the
act of the United States Territories are admitted to
be admitted into the Union. That we have reached that
point I entertain no doubt but notwithstanding
the zeal of the Officers whose duty it is to take the
census the settlements are so sparse, and the means
of access to the Country so extended that it is scarcely
possible to note with precision the increase of our
inhabitants. In 1829 however I anticipate with
confidence that the Star of Arkansas will assume its
rank in the Constellation which adorns the Banner
of our Country

Within a few months considerable alarm was excited in our south-western counties, by a report that an armed force composed of our citizens, but under the direction of the authorities in the neighbouring Republic of Mexico, had crossed the Red River with the intention of waging war upon the Comanche Indians. The probable consequence of such a proceeding would have been a retaliatory invasion of those savages and some inconvenience to the settlements on that frontier. It appears now that the party alluded to, dispersed of their own accord very soon after they had entered the country of Texas; and by the latest accounts all uneasiness among our fellow-citizens of Miller and Hempstead Counties was dissipated.

Doubts have lately been expressed respecting the practicability of opening the road to Memphis in the line which the Commissioners appointed for that purpose had reported as the most advisable.

That there has been error or neglect somewhere is evident, but should it be found necessary to diverge from the course recommended by the Commissioners, I have received positive assurances from several individuals acquainted with that part of the country, that a road which can be conveniently travelled during at least two thirds of the year may be effected. The advantages attending the opening this inlet to the interior of the Territory are obvious, and I entertain a fervent hope that Congress will not be deterred by the difficulties which have presented themselves from continuing the patronage under which the undertaking has been commenced. A certain consequence of the successful execution of the road as far as this town will be its continuation by private exertion to the Hot Springs in Clark County and thus extending to thousands of valuations on the eastern side of the Mississippi the means of access to those salubrious waters.

The Legislature at their last session passed

an act for the division of the Diapaw lands annex-
ing part of them to each of the adjoining Counties
of Arkansas and Pulaski. From causes which I
need not dwell upon this act though signed by the
Speakers of the respective Houses, was not presented
to me for approval until the Session had closed
and a decision of the Superior Court established
the illegality of carrying its provisions into oper-
ation. It will doubtless occur to you that the dignity
of the constituted authorities of this Territory has been
attacked by such unwarrantable neglect or insolence
and I believe it is yet in your power to punish
those who were accessory to this disrespectful con-
duct.

In order to facilitate the due performance of the
rules laid down by Law relative to the Returns of Elections
and of the Census in the different Counties I would suggest
the propriety of furnishing at the public expense printed
forms of those documents, to be delivered to the Clerks
of the Circuit Courts, and making it a part of their
duty to transmit to the Judges of Election in the several
Townships as many of them as may be deemed requisite.

The forms of the Census Returns as received this year
differ from each other in almost every instance, by
making it the duty of the Sheriffs to use the printed
papers a distinct and uniform view would be
obtained of the state and progress of our population.

I have lately received from the Secretary of the
Treasury of the United States, the copy of an act of
Congress passed on the 2^d of March of the current
year, which provides for the location of two Town-
ships of Land for the use of a Seminary of Learning
in our Territory. It is intended to locate this
land without delay, and I am instructed to
make the necessary selections. It will give me
satisfaction to receive from you such information
as will enable me to execute this duty in the
manner most advantageous to the different
Sections of our Territory. While on this topic
I would call your attention to the state of the

reserved sections for the endowment of schools
Many of these tracts have been improved and no doubt
the occupants would be content to pay a certain
rent for permission to remain on them. From this
source might be derived a fund very much wanted
for the support of Country Schools.

An alteration in the act relative to the sale
of Patented Land for the payment of Taxes seems
advisable. A delay for a reasonable term of the
provisions as now enforced would obviate the com-
plaints which are frequently made by nonresidents
and the appointment of a receiver for the Taxes on
property thus circumstanced who should reside at the
seat of Government here or making it the duty
of the Treasurer to take charge of the monies received
on this account, would produce the double
benefit of bringing specie, or bills equivalent to specie
into the Treasury (thus diminishing the amount
of scrip in circulation and raising the value
of the latter) and would put an end to the
harsh reflections which are sometimes excited
at a distance by the system of Taxation existing
among us.

You will perceive by the Auditors accounts that
the amount of our standing scrip exclusive of interest
is no more than five thousand and fifty four dollars.

A loan to redeem this debt might I believe be
obtained without difficulty. The consequence would
be the immediate rise in the value of that paper
and a more adequate compensation for their service
to the officers of the Territorial Government.

Fully confiding in the intelligence and attention
with which your public duties will be accomplished
and invoking a continuance of the blessings showered
on our Country by an all-wise and All-good
Providence, I leave you to carry into effect the
important purposes for which you are now

convened

George Brand

Whereupon the Legislative Council retired to their
Chamber

On motion of Mr Wilson It is ordered that two hundred and fifty copies of the Governors - message be printed for the use of the General Assembly

The speaker announced to the House the following standing committees
Joint Committee to draft memorials Messrs Wilson
Montgomery Clark and Bean

Committee of ways and means
Messrs Barclay Wadsworth and Bean

Joint Committee of Enrollments
Messrs Johnson and Ruggala

Committee on the Judiciary
Messrs Wilson Montgomery and Bean

Joint Committee to examine the Books of the Auditor and Treasurer Messrs Ruggala & Wilson

A message from the Legislature came informing the House that they had concurred with the House of Representatives in adopting the Rules and Joint Rules of the last General Assembly for the government of both Houses during the present Session

And also that they had appointed the following Joint Committees viz Messrs Hogan, Fowler Dillard and Clark a Committee on Memorials Messrs Clark Barfield & Litchfield a Committee of Enrollments Messrs Farrelly Barfield and Dillard a Committee to examine the Auditor and Treasurer's Books

On motion of Mr Ruggala
The hour of 9 o'clock in the forenoon is adopted as the regular hour of meeting of the House

A message from the Legislative Council
by Mr Hogan,

Mr Speaker I am instructed
to inform you that the Legislative Council
is now ready to attend in the House of
Representatives to Elect an Enrolling & Engrossing
Clerk & Public Printer.

The Legislative Council having convened
in the Representatives Hall, both Houses pro-
ceeded to ballot for an Enrolling & Engrossing
Clerk. On counting the votes the following
was the result for Allen M Oakley 11 votes
for William E. Woodruff 11 votes, and there being
no choice, they proceeded to the election
of Public Printer, and William E Woodruff
was declared duly Elected, the Legislative
Council then retired to their Chamber -

Proposals were offered by Mr E. Woodruff
to perform the public printing of the General
Assembly on the terms proposed by him
at the session of 1823 which were accepted at
October session 1825.

And the House adjourned to
9 O'clock tomorrow morning -

Wednesday October 3rd 1827

The House met pursuant to adjournment

On motion of Mr Wilson

So much of the Governor's message as relates to the Revenue was referred to the Committee of ways and means.

On motion of Mr Wilson

So much of the Governor's message as relates to Election returns and the taking of the census was referred to the Committee on Elections—

Suprs Hays, H. H. Harkin & Clark are appointed a Committee on Elections—

Mr Montgomery gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to bring in a bill for the purpose of defining the line between the counties of Palestine and Arkansas on both sides of the Arkansas River.

Mr Wilson gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a bill to divide the County of Hempstead.

Mr Bean gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a bill for the division of Crawford County.

Mr Johnson gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to bring in a bill for the division of Phillips County.

On motion of Mr Ringgold

So much of the Governor's message as relates to the ~~Peace~~ United States

Road leading from Memphis to Little Rock
was referred to the Committee on Memorials

Mr Johnson ^{moved} that a committee be appointed
on bounty divisions whereupon Messrs Johnson
Ringgold and Bean were appointed that
Committee

On motion of Mr Clark
~~Resolved~~ ^{Resolved} that so much of
the Governor's message as relates to the propriety
of making a loan of money for the use of the
Territory ~~was~~ referred to the Committee of Ways
and Means

On motion of Mr Wilson
~~Resolved~~ ^{Resolved} that the Auditor's
accounts of the receipts and expenditures of
the Territorial Revenue ~~be~~ referred to the Committee
appointed to examine the books of the Auditor
and Treasurer

On motion of Mr Ringgold
~~Resolved~~ ^{Resolved} that a
Committee of three ~~be~~ appointed to examine the
Administration laws of this Territory with leave
to report by bill or otherwise. Whereupon
Messrs Ringgold Johnson and Harless were
appointed that Committee

Mr Stedworth gave notice that on Friday
he would ask leave to introduce a bill for
the removal of the seat of Justice for Lawrence
County

Mr Boutwell gave notice that on Fri-
next he would bring in a bill for the relief of
the heirs of James Hamilton Deceased

And the House adjourned to tomorrow morning
9 o'clock.

Thursday October 4th 1827

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Agreeable to notice given on yesterday Mr —
brought in a bill for the purpose of defining the line between
the counties of Pulaski and Arkansas which was read
a first time and ordered to a second reading on
tomorrow

Mr — from the Legislative Council by
Mr — informing the House that there is a bill
before the Legislative Council to divide the Desha
County between the counties of Arkansas and
Missouri

Agreeable to notice given on yesterday Mr Wilson
brought in a bill to divide the County of
Missouri. Which was read a first time and ordered
to a second reading on tomorrow

Agreeable to notice given on yesterday Mr
— brought in a bill for the division of
Crawford County which was read a first time
and ordered to a second reading on tomorrow

Agreeable to notice given on yesterday —
brought in a bill for the division
of the County of Phelps. Which was read a
first time and ordered to a second reading
on tomorrow

Motion of Mr Ringgold

It is ordered that the
Committee on ways & means procure such articles
of stationery as may be necessary for the use
of the House during the present session of the
Legislature and that any surplus that may
remain on hand at the close of the session be
deposited in the hands of some person for safe
keeping until the meeting of the next General
Assembly

Miss Emma
A message from the Legislature by Mr Clark
Mr Speaker: I am instructed to inform
you that the Legislative Council have appointed
a standing Committee to whom shall be referred
the Militia Laws of this Territory and other
matters relating thereto

Mr Ringgold gave notice that on Saturday
next he would ask leave to bring in a bill
to repeal the law giving a compensation
to Grand Jurors

And the House adjourned until 9 o'clock
tomorrow.

Friday October 5th 1897

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Hurdeth from the Committee of Elections
Reported a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an
act regulating elections. Which was read a first time
and ordered to a second reading tomorrow

Mr Wilson from the Committee on the Judiciary
reported a bill to alter the mode of collecting Taxes
which was read a first time and ordered to a second
reading tomorrow

Pursuant to notice given on Wednesday last
Mr Montgomery asked and obtained leave to bring in
a bill for the relief of the heirs of James Hamilton -
deceased. which was read a first time and ordered
to a second reading tomorrow

On motion of Mr Montgomery the bill defining
the boundary line between the Counties of Pulaski and
Arkansas was read a second time. and.

On motion of Mr Wilson was ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole: and made the order of the day for Tuesday next

On motion of Mr Wilson the bill dividing the County of Hempstead was read a second time, and

On motion of Mr ~~Montgomery~~ was committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for Tuesday next

On Motion of Mr Bean the bill dividing the County of Crawford, was read a second time and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for Tuesday next

On motion of Mr Johnson the bill dividing the County of Philips was read a second time and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for Tuesday next

On motion of Mr Clark.

So much of the Governor's message as relates to an alarm having been excited in the South western Counties, by a report that an armed force composed of our Citizens, but under the direction of the authorities of Mexico, had crossed the River with the intention of waging war on the Comanche Indians, was committed to a ~~select~~ committee, and Messrs Clark, Wilson and Ringgold were appointed that committee

The Legislative Council having convened in the Representatives Hall, the two Houses proceeded to a joint ballot, for an Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk, and on counting the ballots there appeared for Allen M. Oakley 12 votes and for William E. Woodruff 10 votes.

Whereupon Allen M. Oakley, having a majority of votes was declared duly elected
Remains to be reviewed motion Mr Kendal put brought on a bill to locate the seat of Justice for Lawrence County which was read a first time & ordered to a second reading tomorrow

On motion of Mr Wardin. Mr Ringgold was appointed on the committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Barfield informing the House that they had adopted the following Resolution viz

Resolved. That while we are deeply impressed with the necessity of supporting the constituted authorities of our Country; and conceive any infringement on their dignity, injurious to ours as it is to all well organized Governments. We are aware how easily at the close of a Legislative Session. Such an omission as a paper may be laid, or a bill not presented for the approval of the Executive might in the hurry of business occur. That this implies Judicial power of a Legislative body when extended beyond the purposes for which it was intended is we conceive dangerous to the liberties of the Citizen and ought to be exercised with great caution. That what ever power the previous Legislative body might have had over its own members and officers, that power on their dissolution was not transferred to us. And it would be foreign to the purposes for which we are convened to cause any of the persons who composed that body to come before us, to answer any alleged omissions or contempts, that may have happened in the exercise of their duties.

On motion of Mrs Wilson the Resolution was concurred in by the House

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Hogan informing the House that the Legislative Council had adopted the following Resolution (viz)

Resolved that the committee on the Auditor & Treasurers Books be instructed to burn all the Totten Scrip. Redeemed at the Treasury up to the present time. Which Resolution was concurred in by the House And the House adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow.

Saturday October 6th 1897

The House met pursuant to adjournment

The bill to be entitled "An act supplementary to an act regulating Elections" was taken up and read a second time and on motion of Mr Wilson was ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for Monday next

The ^{bill to be} entitled an act regulating the mode of collecting Taxes was read a second time and on Motion of Mr Wilson was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

On Motion of Mr Montgomery the bill for the relief of the heirs of James Hamilton deceased was taken up and read a second time. Amended and ordered to be ^{engrossed} and read a ~~third~~ time on Monday next

The bill to be entitled "An act to Locate the Seat of Justice of Lawrence County" was read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for Monday next.

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Pitchford informing the House that the Legislative Council had passed a memorial to the President of the United States in the subject of the Memphis and Little Rock Road and asking the concurrence of the House to the same. Which was read a first time and on motion of Mr Wilson was laid on the Table until Monday next.

On Motion of Mr Hardin

The order made on yesterday committing the bill for the division of the County of Sumpter to a committee of the whole on Monday next. Was rescinded and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of this day.

On Motion of Mr Wilson the House Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Mr Hardin in the Chair and after some time spent thereon the Committee rose and reported the same with amendments. Whereupon the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

On Motion of Mr Montgomery the order made yesterday committing the bill for the division of Crawford County to a Committee of the whole for Tuesday next was rescinded and the bill was made the order of this day.

The House then went into Committee of the whole Mr Wilson in the Chair, and after some time spent thereon the Committee rose and reported the same without amendment. And on Motion of Mr Montgomery the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

On Motion of Mr Hardin the order made yesterday committing the bill for the division of the County of Philips to a Committee of the whole for Tuesday next. Was rescinded, and the bill was made the order of this day. and

On Motion of Mr Hardin the House went into Committee of the whole Mr. Montgomery in the Chair and after some time spent thereon the Committee rose and reported the bill with amendments which were adopted by the House.

And on Motion of Mr Robinson the bill was
ordered to be engrossed and read a third time
on Monday next. Mr Ringgold offered the following
Resolution (viz) Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be
instructed to enquire into the expediency of Repealing the law authorizing
the payment of six per cent upon all scrip issued at the Treasury
Department - which Resolution was on motion of Mr Wilson laid on the
table.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr Ringgold
asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill
to repeal the law allowing Compensation
to Grand Jurors. Which was read a first
time and ordered to a second reading on
Monday next.

On Motion of Mr Sutherland the ^{bill} to be introduced
an act to locate the seat of Justice in
Lawrence County was read a second time
and ordered to be committed to a committee of
the whole and made the order of the day for
Monday next.

On Motion of Mr Wilson a Select Committee
was appointed to enquire into the expediency
of digesting the Statute Laws of this Territory
with leave to report by bill or otherwise.
Messrs Wilson, Bean & Johnson were app-
ointed the committee.

A message from the Legislative Council inform-
ing the House that the Legislative Council had
passed a bill entitled an act dividing the Quapaw
purchase between the Counties of Arkansas & Pottawatomie
which was read a first time and ^{& the House before adjourning withdrew as usual} on motion of
Mr Montgomery was committed to a committee of the
whole and made the order of this day.

On Motion of Mr Montgomery the House went into
committee of the whole Mr Wilson in the chair upon
a Bill from the Legislative Council dividing the Quapaw
purchase between the Counties of Arkansas & Pottawatomie

Mr. Brandtgomery moved to strike out the first section which was negatived by the House and after some time spent there on the Committee rose and reported the bill to the House without amendments and.

On Motion of Mr. Wilson the bill was ordered to be ^{on its first passage} engrossed and read a third time ^{on second reading} and passed.

Mr. Kidpath presented the petition of sundry persons inhabitants of Lawrence County praying the removal of the seat of Justice of said County which was laid on the Table. Mr. Kidpath also filed the remonstrance of divers citizens of Lawrence County remonstrating against the removal of the seat of Justice of said County.

Mr. Wilson filed the petition of divers citizens of Hempstead County praying a division of said County.

The House adjourned to 9 o'clock on Monday Morning —

Monday October 8th 1897

The House met pursuant to adjournment

On motion of Mr Wilson the order made on Saturday last committing the bill to be entitled an act regulating Elections was rescinded and ordered to be committed to a select committee whereupon Messrs Wilson Ringgold and Shoupeth were appointed that committee

Mr Johnson filed a petition from sundry persons inhabitants of Phillips County praying a division of said County

On motion of Mr Wilson the order made on Saturday last for a third reading and final passage of the bill to be entitled an act repealing an act entitled an act supplementary to the several laws regulating the collection of Taxes was rescinded and the bill ordered to lie on the table until tomorrow

Mr Hardin gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to bring in a bill for the removal of the seat of Justice in Clark County

The bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the heirs of James Hamilton deceased ^{taken} was ^{up} on its final passage and read a third time and Passed and sent to the Legislation Council for concurrence

On motion of Mr Wilson the House resolved its self into committee of the whole Mr Ringgold in the Chair upon the ^{bill} entitled an act to locate the seat of Justice in Lawrence County. And after some time spent in the consideration thereof the

Committee rose and reported the bill with amendments. And on motion of Mr Ringgold the bill was committed to a select Committee composed of Mr Ringgold Hardin & Montgomery

On Motion of Mr Ringgold the Memorial from the Legislative Council upon the subject of the Memphis and Little Rock Road was referred to a select Committee whereupon Messrs Ringgold Johnson and Clark were appointed that Committee

Mr Hardin gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a bill to repeal all Laws allowing Compensation to road Commissioners, Overseers of roads and Justices of the Peace for apportioning the hands to work on roads

The bill for the division of the County of Hempstead was taken up on its final passage and read a third time and on the question being put Shall the bill pass it was decided in the affirmative so the bill passed and was sent to the Legislative Council for concurrence

The bill for the division of the County of Crawford was taken up upon its final passage and read a third time and passed and sent to the Council for concurrence

The bill for the division of the County of Philips was taken up upon its final passage and

read a third time. and upon the question ~~shall~~
the bill pass it was decided in the negative
so the bill was rejected

A message from the Legislative Council informing
the House that the Council had passed a bill to
be entitled an "act to extend the western boundary
line of the County of Izard"

On motion the bill from the Legislative
Council entitled An act to extend the western
boundary line of the County of Izard was
taken up and read a first time and ordered to
a second reading

Mr Ringgold gave notice that on Monday
next he would ask leave to introduce a bill
regulating the auditing of public accounts and
for other purposes

On motion of Mr Wilson the order made on
Saturday last for the second reading of the
bill to be entitled an Act repealing an act
allowing compensation to grand Jurors was
rescinded and the said bill is ordered to a second
reading on tomorrow

The House adjourned to 4 o'clock tomorrow

Tuesday October 9th 1827

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Pursuant to notice given yesterday Mr Hardin obtained leave and brought in a bill for the removal of the seat of in Clark County. Which was read a first time and ordered to a second reading tomorrow

Mr Hardin filed a petition from sundry persons inhabitants of Clark County praying for the removal of the seat of Justice of said County

Pursuant to notice given yesterday Mr Hardin obtained leave and brought in a bill to be entitled an Act to repeal the several Laws allowing Compensation to road Commissioners overseers of roads and Justices of the peace for apportioning the hands to work on roads. Which was read a first time and ordered to a second reading tomorrow

The engrossed bill from the Legislative Council intituled "An act to extend the western boundary line of the County of Izard" was taken up and read a second time and the rules of the House being dispensed with it was read a third time and Passed

The bill to be intituled "an act Repealing the Law allowing Compensation to Grand Jurors" was taken up and read a second time and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow

On motion of Mr Montgomery leave was granted him to withdraw the bill introduced by him defining the limits of the counties of Pulaski and Arkansas

The engrossed bill from the Legislative Council entitled an act dividing the Quapaw Purchase between the Counties of Arkansas and Pulaski was taken up and on Motion of Mr Montgomery was committed to a select Committee composed of Messrs Ringgold Johnson and Hardin

Mr Wilson offered the following resolution viz:

"Resolved that the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to introduce a bill repealing the act establishing the Circuit Courts. And requiring the Judges of the Superior Court to perform the duties of the present Circuit Courts, by dividing the Territory into three Judicial districts, and assigning to each of the three Judges of the Superior Court one Circuit. To hold two Terms of the circuit court in each County, and two terms of the appellate Jurisdiction Annually at the Town of Little Rock"

Which Resolution was ^{read first time} adopted by the House and on Motion of Mr Wilson was committed to a Committee of the whole and made the order of this day.

On Motion of Mr Wilson the House resolved itself into committee of the whole Mr Clark in the Chair upon the resolution to abolish the circuit system & compel the Judges the Superior Court to perform Circuit Court duties. and after some time spent thereon the Committee rose and reported the resolution to the House without a minute & asked and obtained leave to sit again

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Wolf informing the House that the Council had passed the bill of from this House entitled "a bill for the relief of the heirs & Representatives of James Hamilton deceased" with some amendments.

On Motion of Mr Montgomery the bill with the amendments was taken up and read a first time and the rules of the House being dispensed with it was read a second and third times and Passed

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Fowler requesting the House to furnish to the Council all the petitions and other papers relating to the division of the Counties of Hempstead & Crawford that may be on file in this House

On Motion of Mr Ringgold the Resolution offered by him ^{in relation to the Terminal Corp} on Saturday last, was taken up and adopted by the House

Mr Ringgold from the select Committee on the administration Laws of this Territory reported a bill to the house to be entitled "an act Supplemental to an act concerning Administration" which was read a first time and ordered to a second reading tomorrow

Mr Clark gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a bill regulating the Town of Little Rock and for other purposes

On motion of Mr Montgomery the order made this morning committing the bill entitled an Act repealing the law allowing compensation to grand jurors, to a committee of the whole for tomorrow was rescinded. and

On motion of Mr Montgomery the rules of the House were dispensed with and the bill was taken up on its third reading and final passage and upon the question. Shall the bill pass. the yeas and nays being called for were as follows
Yeas Messrs Bean, Hardin, Hubbard, Johnson
Montgomery & Ringgold 6

Nays Messrs Clark Nelson and Mr Speaker 3
So the bill was Passed

And the House adjourned to 9 o'clock
Tomorrow

Wednesday October 10th 1827

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Bean from the Committee on Memorials reported a memorial to the House on the subject of the western boundary line of the Cherokee land situate in this Territory which was read a first time and ordered to a second reading tomorrow

Pursuant to notice given yesterday Mr Clark obtained leave and brought in a bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the Town of Little Rock and for other purposes". Which was read a first time and ordered to a second reading tomorrow

Mr Montgomery offered the following resolution:
Resolved that after the twentieth day of this month no bill shall be introduced into this House.

Which resolution was adopted by the House.

The bill permanently to locate the seat of Justice in Clark County was taken up and read a second time and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow.

The bill to be entitled "an act repealing the several laws allowing compensation to road commissioners assessors of roads and Justices of the Peace for apportioning the hands to work on roads" was taken up and read a ~~second~~ time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on its final passage tomorrow.

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Barfield informing the House that the Council had concurred with the House of Representatives that no bill shall be introduced into either House after the 20th day of this month.

The bill to be entitled "an act supplementary to an act concerning administrations" was taken up and read a second time, and.

On motion of Mr Ringgold the bill was referred to a select committee whereupon Messrs Ringgold, Wadsworth and Montgomery were appointed that Committee.

On motion of Mr Wilson the House resolved itself into committee of the whole Mr Montgomery took the Chair upon the resolution to abolish the Circuit

to work Septem and to compel the Judges of the Superior Court to perform Circuit Court duties" and after some time spent there on the Committee were and reported the resolution to the House with amendments and asked and obtained leave to sit again

On Motion of Mr Wilson it is ordered that the regular hour for the meeting of this House be 10— instead of 9 o'clock A.M.

And the House adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow

Thursday October 11th 1837

The House met Pursuant to adjournment

Mr Johnson from the Committee on Enrollments Reported to the House that they had enrolled the following Bills (vks).

An act for the relief of the Heirs of James Hamilton Deceased

An act extending the western boundary line of the County of Izard.

Mr Ringgold from the select committee to whom was referred the consideration of the bill to divide the Quapaw Purchase between the Counties of Arkansas and Pulaski. Moved that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the bill and to return said bill to the House to be acted on by the House. Which motion was agreed to by the House.

Mr Johnson having been called to the chair the bill for the division of the Quapaw Purchase between the Counties of Arkansas and Pulaski was taken up on its third reading and final passage and upon the question Shall the bill pass?

the yeas and nays being called for stood
thus Yeas Messrs. Bean - Clark - Warden
Widdespath Johnson Ringgold Wilson and
Mr Speaker &.

Nays Mr Montgomery!
So the Bill passed

Mr Ringgold from the select committee to
whom was referred the bill and papers relative
to the Location of the Seat of Justice of Lawrence
County Reported a bill to the House in Lieu of
the original bill submitted to them for their consider-
-ation. Which ^{bill} report was ^{received} ~~accepted~~ by the House
and on motion of Mr Widdespath the bill was referred
to a ~~select~~ committee of the whole. and made the order
of this day

The Memorial to the President of the United
States on the subject of the Cherokee boundary and
Settlement of Lovely's Purchase was taken up and
read a second time and on Motion of Mr Bean
the rules of the House were dispensed with and
the Memorial was read a third time and passed
and sent to the Council for concurrence

The bill for the regulation of the Town of
Little Rock was taken up and read a second
time, and ordered to be committed to a committee
of the whole and made the order of the day
for Saturday next

The bill permanently to Locate the Seat of Justice
in the County of Clark was taken up in comm.
of the whole Mr Ringgold in the Chair, and after
some time spent in the consideration thereof the
committee rose and reported the bill to the House
without amendment. and

On motion of Mr Wilson the bill was committed
to a select committee composed of Messrs Warden
Wilson and Montgomery. H

The bill entitled "An act repealing the several laws allowing compensation to road commissioners overseers of roads and Justices of the Peace for allotting the hands to work on roads" was taken upon its third reading and final passage and on the question "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, and the Bill passed and was sent to the Council for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Wilson the bill entitled "An act repealing an act entitled, an act supplementary to the several laws regulating the collection of Taxes" which was laid on the table on Monday last was taken up, and

On motion of Mr Wilson was referred to a Select Committee Messrs Wilson Ringgold and Clark were appointed that committee.

On motion of Mr Wilson the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Mr Johnson in the Chair on the resolution upon the subject of abolishing the Circuit Court system and requiring the Judges of the Superior Court to perform Circuit Court duties, and after some time spent thereon the committee rose and reported the resolution with amendments thereto to the House which were adopted.

On motion of Mr Ringgold Messrs Clark and Scrupth were added to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr Wilson Messrs Kardin and Johnson were added to the committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Litchfield informing the House that they Council had passed the bill from this House for the division of the County of Hempstead with some amendments and asking the concurrence of the House thereto.

Mr Johnson having been called to the Chair the bill for the division of the County of Hempstead was taken and read a first time with the amendments thereto and

On motion of Mr Nelson the rules of the House were dispensed with and the bill with the first amendment was read a second and third times and passed.

On motion of Mr Livers the house refused to concur in the second amendment made to the bill by the Council

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Fowler informing the House that the Council had passed a bill entitled "An act to repeal an act passed at the Session of 1825 relative to writs of *certiorari*" and ask the concurrence of the House thereto. Which bill was taken up and read a first time and ordered to a second reading tomorrow

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Barfield informing the House that the Council had passed the Bill from the House of Representatives to divide Crawford County with out amendment

Mr Clark gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a bill authorizing the Circuit Courts to appoint an additional constable in each Township when the Circuit Courts are held

Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Dogan
informing the House that the Council has passed the
Memorial from the House of Representatives relative
to Lovelock Purchase.

Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Wier
informing the House that the Council has passed
the bill from the House of Representatives entitled ~~Act~~
Act repealing an act allowing compensation to
Grand Jurors.

On motion of Mr. Studsith the House agreed to recon-
sider their vote on Monday last on the bill for the
division of the County of Phelps. and
On motion of Mr. Clark the bill together with the
petitions filed was ordered to be committed to
a Select Committee Messrs Clark Johnson
and Bear were appointed that Committee

On motion of Mr. Studsith the House went
into Committee of the Whole Mr. Montgomery
in the Chair upon the bill entitled an Act
permanently to Locate the Seat of Justice of
Lawrence County. and after some time
in the consideration thereof the Committee rose
and reported the bill to the House with amend-
ments which amendments were adopted by
the House. and

On motion of Mr. Studsith the bill was
ordered to be engrossed and read a third time
on its final passage tomorrow

And the House adjourns until 10
o'clock tomorrow

Friday October 12th 1827

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr Clark from the select committee to whom was referred the bill and Petitions for a division of the county of Phillips made the following Report

The committee to whom was referred the Petitions of sundry Citizens of Phillips County praying for a division. And the bill for the division of said County beg leave to Report. That having fully and fairly investigated the subject they believe that although the population of the section of Country to be laid off into a new County is not very numerous still the local situation of the County imperiously demands the friendly consideration of the Legislature.

Your Committee have paid more than ordinary attention to this subject and are enabled to state that Lang Eel River appears naturally to divide the two sections of Country. The banks of this Stream are overflowed a considerable portion of every year. The extent of the overflow is, in but a very few places less than five or six Miles.

This Stream has to be crossed ^{by the citizens} of the proposed County, in attending their Courts in Phillips County. And in the Spring of the year it is almost impassable. Some of the Citizens live over hundred Miles from Helena the present seat of Justice in the County of Phillips. and a large number of them from fifty to sixty miles.

There appears to be in the proposed County a large body of good land, which is chiefly Militia bounty land. Your Committee are inclined to believe that this augurs strongly in behalf of the future wealth of the new County. The County Tax arising from these bounties will at once render the County respectable. Your Committee find, from an examination of the publication of the Elections held in Mitchell, Union

and Johnson Townships which compose the projected County; that the number of votes given at the late Election were one hundred and eight. The petitions are respectable and signed by one hundred and sixty persons. Your Committee are induced to believe that this section of Country must become a separate County at some future period. And in justice to the subject we must say that we cannot see any very urgent reason why it should not now go into a separate County.

On motion the report was concurred in by the House.

The bill intitled "an act to divide the County of Phillips" was taken up upon its final passage and on the question. Shall the bill pass? it was decided in the affirmative. So the bill passed and was sent to the Council for concurrence.

Mr Wilson from the select committee to whom was referred the bill and petitions for the permanent location of the seat of Justice of Clark County reported the bill with amendments ^{which} were adopted by the House: and

On motion of Mr Wilson the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow on its final passage.

Mr Wilson from the select committee to whom was referred the bill intitled ~~act~~ repealing an act supplementary to an act regulating the collection of Taxes. Reported the bill with amendments which were adopted by the House: and.

On motion of Mr Wilson the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow on its final passage.

Mr Johnson from the committee on Enrollments Reported to the House that they had duly enrolled the following Bills:

Memorial to the President of the United States

On the subject of the settlement of Lovely's Purchase and the adjustment of the western boundary line of the Cherokee nation of Indians.

An act dividing the Ouapaw Purchase between the Counties of Arkansas and Pulaski

An act repealing an act allowing compensation to Grand Jurors.

An act for the division of the County of Crawford

The bill from the Legislative Council entitled "An act to repeal an act passed at the Session of 1825 relative to writs of Habeas Corpus" was taken up and read a second time, and.

On motion of Mr Ringgold the bill was ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow

The bill entitled "An act permanently to locate the seat of Justice of Lawrence County" was taken up. Mr Hudspeth offered an amendment to the bill which was adopted by the House the bill was then read a third time on its final passage and on the question Shall the bill pass it was decided in the affirmative. So the bill Passed and was sent to the Council for concurrence

Mr Johnson gave notice that on Monday next he would ask leave to bring in a bill to build for the benefit of the County of Pulaski a Court House in the Town of Little Rock

Pursuant to previous notice Mr Clark introduced a bill entitled "an act authorizing the Circuit Courts to appoint an additional constable in each Township where the respective Circuit Courts are held" which was read a first time and ordered to a second reading tomorrow

On motion of Mr Derrin the House agreed to reconsider their vote of yesterday on the amendment made by the Council to the fifth section of the bill for the division of the County of Hampstead.

Mr Derrin having been called to the chair the bill was taken up, and on the question will the house concur in the amendment it was decided in the negative.

Mr Woodspeck gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act supplementary to the several laws now in force for the collection of small debts.

Mr Ringgold gave notice that on Monday next he would ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act supplementary to the law regulating taxes on Bounty Lands.

On motion of Mr Bean it is ordered that the regular hour for the meeting of this house be 9 instead of 10 o'clock A.M.

And the House adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow.

Saturday October 13th 1827
The House met pursuant to adjournment

On motion of Mr Ringgold the House resolved itself into Committee of the whole Mr Clark in the Chair. On the bill from the Legislative Council entitled An act to repeal an act passed at the Session of 1825 relating to writs of "Habeas Corpus" and after some time spent in the consideration thereof the Committee rose and reported the bill to the House with amendments which amendments were adopted. and

On motion of Mr Wilson the bill was laid on the Table until Monday next

The bill entitled An act authorising the Circuit Courts to appoint an additional Justice in each Township where the respective Circuit Courts are held was taken up and read a second time. and

On motion of Mr Hudson the bill was referred to a Select Committee. Whereupon Messrs Hudson Johnson and Beane were appointed the Committee

A communication was received by the Speaker of the House from Sam. C. Roane Esq. on the subject of digesting the Laws of this Territory. which on motion of Mr Wilson was referred to the Select Committee on that subject

On motion of Mr Wilson the House resolved itself into Committee of the whole Mr Hudson in the Chair. On the bill entitled An act for the regulation of the Town of Little Rock and for other purposes and after some time spent in the consideration thereof the Committee rose and reported the bill with amendments. Which were on motion adopted by the House. and

On motion of Mr Ringgold the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on its final passage on Monday next

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Farrelly informing the House that the Council ruled from their second amendment to the Act to divide Hampstead County.

Mr Wilson gave notice that on Tuesday next he would ask leave to introduce a bill to apportion the debt due — or the money in the Treasury of Hampstead County between the Counties of Hampstead and Lafayette.

Mr Wilson gave notice that on Monday next he would ask leave to introduce a bill to authorize the citizens of Lafayette County to elect commissioners permanently to locate the seat of Justice of said County.

The bill entitled "an act to repeal an act supplementary to an act regulating the collection of Taxes" was taken upon its final passage and read a third time and passed and sent to the Council for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Hardin the order made yesterday relative to the bill entitled "an act permanently to locate the seat of Justice of Clark County" was rescinded and the bill is ordered to be read a third time on its final passage on Monday next.

Pursuant to notice Mr Soudsforth introduced a bill entitled "an act supplementary to an act passed at the Session of 1825. under the title of an act supplementary to an act for the recovery of small debts." which was read a first time and ordered to a second reading on Monday next.

Mr Johnson gave notice that on Tuesday next he would ask leave to introduce a bill permanently to locate the seat of Justice for St. Francis County and for other purposes.

A message from the Council by Mr Barfield informing the House that the Council had passed the bill from the House of Representatives entitled "an act for the division of Phillips County."

Mr Johnson from the Joint Committee on Enrollments reported to the House that they had duly enrolled
An act for the division of Phillips County

And the House adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow

Monday October 15th 1827

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Johnson from the Joint Committee on Enrollments Reported to the House that they had duly examined and enrolled.

An act for the division of Hempstead County.

The engrossed bill entitled "An act permanently to locate the seat of Justice of Clark County" was taken up and read a third time on its final passage and passed. & sent to the Council for concurrence

The ^{engrossed} bill entitled "An act supplementary to an act for the regulation of the Town of Little Rock & for other purposes" passed October 27, 1825 was taken up and ~~read a third time~~ on its final passage, and on the question "shall the bill pass" it was decided in the affirmative. So the bill passed & was sent to the Council for concurrence

Mr Nelson from the Committee on the Judiciary reported to the House a bill entitled "An act regulating the Judicial System of the Territory of Arkansas" which was read a first time and ordered to a second reading tomorrow and

On Motion of Mr Searain it is ordered that twenty two copies of the bill be printed for the use of the members of this General Assembly

Mr Ringgold from the select committee to whom was referred the memorial from the Legislative Council to the President of the United States, on the subject of the Memphis & Little Rock road made the following Report.

The Select committee to whom was referred the Memorial on the Memphis and Little Rock road, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and are of the opinion that some attention is necessary. They deem it however their duty to lay before the House such information as they could obtain, as to the present survey and will lay before the house a statement of Dr Paxton, with a sketch of the country through which the road passes, & the House can consider the whole, and discharge the committee from further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr Wilson the Memorial and other papers filed by the committee were ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole, and made the order of the day.

Mr Ringgold from the select committee to whom was referred the bill entitled "An act supplementary to 'an act concerning Administrations'", reported the bill to the House with amendments which were adopted by the House, and.

On motion of Mr Ringgold the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on its final passage tomorrow.

Mr Woodspeith from the select committee to whom was referred the bill entitled "An act authorizing the Circuit Courts to appoint an additional constable in each Township where the respective Circuit Courts are held" reported the bill to the House with amendments thereto which were adopted by the House, and.

On motion of Mr Woodspeith the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on its final passage tomorrow.

Pursuant to notice given on Saturday last Mr Wilson obtained leave and introduced a bill entitled "An act authorizing the citizens of Lafayette County to elect commissioners permanently to locate the seat of Justice of said County." Which bill was read a first time and ordered to a second reading tomorrow.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr Ringgold obtained leave and brought in a bill entitled "An act supplementary to an act regulating the collection of taxes on Military bounty lands" which was read a first time and ordered to a second reading tomorrow.

On Motion of Mr Harkin the bill entitled "An act to repeal an act passed at the Session of 1825 relative to writs of Certiorari" was taken up and referred to a select committee. Whereupon Messrs Harkin Bean & Clark were appointed that committee.

The bill entitled "An act supplementary to an act passed at the Session of 1825 under the title of an act supplementary to an act for the recovery of small debts" was taken up and read a second time, and on Motion of Mr Wilson the bill was ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow.

On Motion of Mr Wilson the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole Mr Bean in the chair on the Memorial from the Legislative Council to the President of the United States on the subject of the Memphis and Little Rock Road. and after some time spent thereon the committee rose and reported to the House that they had amended the Memorial by striking out the first line thereof and on Motion the House concurred in the amendment.

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Hogan informing the House of the nature of the bills that were then under the consideration of the Council —

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Barfield informing the House that the Council had passed ^{a bill} entitled "An act for the relief of persons who have purchased ^{lands} at the tax sales in the different Counties of this Territory supposing them to be military bounty lands, which had been otherwise appropriated?" and asking the concurrence of the House thereto. Whereupon the bill was taken up and read a first time and ordered to a second reading tomorrow.

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Dillard informing the House that the Council had passed the bill from the House of Representatives entitled "An act permanently to locate the Seat of Justice for the County of Lawrence?" with some amendments and also that they have passed a bill entitled "an act to locate the seat of Justice in Lovely County & for other purposes?" Also a bill entitled "An act concerning certain Executors & Administrators in the County of Ford" and asking the concurrence of the House thereto.

The bill entitled "An act permanently to locate the Seat of Justice for Lawrence County with the amendments thereto" by the Council was taken up and read a first time and on Motion of Mr Woods with the rules of the House were dispensed with and the bill with the amendments was read ^{second} time and passed and ordered to be enrolled.

The bill from the Legislative Council entitled "An act to locate the seat of Justice in Lovely County and for other purposes" was taken up and read a first time & the rules of the House being dispensed with it was read a second time. & on motion of Mr Bean the bill was laid on the Table.

The bill from the Legislative Council intitled
"An act concerning certain Executors & Administrators
in the County of Izard" was taken up and
read a first time and ordered to a second
reading tomorrow.

Mr. Hardin gave notice that on tomorrow
he would ask leave to introduce a bill intitled
"An act to repeal an act passed in the Session
of 1825 respecting duelling and to revive the
old law."

A message from the Governor by his
Private Secretary Mr. Smith informing the
House that he had approved and signed
the following acts recently passed by the General
Assembly of this Territory (viz)

An act for the division of the County
of Phillips

An act dividing the Quapaw Purchase
between the Counties of Arkansas and Pulaski

An act for the division of the County of
Crawford

An act for the relief of the heirs and repre-
sentatives of James Hamilton deceased

An act to extend the Western boundary line
of the County of Izard

An act repealing an act allowing compen-
sation to grand Jurors

Tuesday October 16th 1827

The House met pursuant to adjournment

A communication from Thomas S. Drew Esq on the subject of the obstructions in the St Francis River was laid before the House by the Speaker, and

On motion of Mr Wilson was referred to the committee on Memorials

A communication from the Sheriff of Crittenden county on the subject of Peddlers Licences was laid before the House by the Speaker, and

On motion referred to the committee on Ways & Means

Mr Johnson from the Joint committee on Enrollments reported to the House that they had duly examined and enrolled.

An act permanently to locate the seat of Justice of Lawrence county.

Mr Wilson from the select committee to whom was referred the bill entitled An act supplementary to an act regulating Elections, reported the bill to the House with amendments which were adopted by the House.

Mr Ringgold from the joint committee on the Auditor and Treasurer's Books made the following report

The joint committee to whom was referred the examination of the Auditor and Treasurer's Books Report that according to order they have performed the duties assigned them, and find the state of the Treasury as follows. It appears by the report of the Joint Committee appointed at the October Session 1825 that the amount of the Territorial debt was eight thousand and eighty

thirteen dollars and fifteen $7\frac{1}{4}$ cents. Since that period there has been warrants drawn on the Treasury to the amount of \$14,740.68 cents. Which together with the sum of sixty three dollars sixty seven cents over paid by collectors of the revenue makes the sum of twenty two thousand eight hundred and sixty seven dollars, fifty and one fourth cents the amount of debt up to the first of October 1827 from which sum deduct the sum of \$17,398.20 cents, the amount of principal of redeemed Scrip at the Treasury from last report up to the first day of October 1827; leaves a balance of \$5,469.30 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents. Which sum taking for our data the last report of the Legislature would be the amount of Scrip in circulation. To which if we add the probable amount of Interest now due. Taking it comparatively with the interest allowed at the Treasury the preceding four years will be six hundred and fifty dollars — makes the sum of \$6,119.30 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents the amount of Territorial debt on the first day of October 1827. The nett revenue accounted for at the Treasury from the last report up to the first day of October 1827 amounts to the sum of \$18,812.82 cents of which sum \$17,398.20 cents were paid into the Treasury in Scrip, and the sum of \$1,414.64 cents the amount of Interest allowed on the same. For all the warrants drawn on the Treasury proper vouchers have been filed in the Auditor's office, and have been duly examined by the committee.

The annexed schedule marked A, will show the different accounts on which those warrants have been drawn. By the Auditor's report it appears there will be due from collectors of the revenue on the first day of December next the sum of \$8,848.16 $\frac{1}{2}$ to which add the sum of \$612.94 cents now due by defaulters will make the sum of \$9,461.10 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents, from which sum deduct the expense of collection and the probable amount of Military bounty lands that may be stricken off to the Territory on the first Monday of November next \$2,365 — leaves a balance of \$7,096.10 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents, the probable amount of nett revenue

for the current year. The committee find however on examination of former reports with the Treasurers book that a material difference arises in consequence of interest allowed at the Treasury on redeemed bonds not estimated in former reports. The amount as near as the committee can find out is \$1684..07 cents for which sum there must still be ~~scrip~~ outstanding, and should therefore be added to the estimated debt as above \$6119..30 cents which will make the sum of \$7803..47 1/2 cents. The probable amount of Territorial debt exclusive of interest on the former sum of \$1684..17 1/2 cents

In closing this report the committee cannot refrain from remarking ~~the~~ the great and growing increase of expenditures of the Territory, comparing the two last with the two preceding years. Should the subsequent expenditures in the same ratio, which we have little reason to doubt, it will be but a few years until the following items (see schedule A the present amount) will amount to a sum sufficient to absorb one half of our revenue (1827) cost in criminal prosecutions — Public arms — Printing — Inspecting Militia — All the warrants and vouchers, Treasurers receipts accounts &c examined by the committee are in the possession of the chairman of the committee from the House of Representatives and will be delivered over to the House with a duplicate of this report

A

A schedule shewing the amount of warrants and the accounts on which they have been drawn on the Treasury up to the first of October 1827

To members & officers of the last Legislature	4073..75
To amounts allowed by the Superior Court for witnesses in criminal Prosecutions	1582..15 1/2
To Jail fees & Grand Jurors	—
To Storage & cleaning Public arms	187..50
To Election returns	179..40
To Public Printing Publishing the Laws and Journals of the Legislature and distributing the same &c	829..62 1/2
To salaries of civil officers	7613..00
To Military Brigade Inspector	275..25
Amount	\$14740..68

On motion of Mr Gordon the report was laid on the table

Mr. Ringgold from the select committee to whom the subject was referred made the following Report

"The joint committee on the Auditors and Treasurers books to whom was referred the burning of the Territorial Scrips redeemed at the Treasury.

Report That according to order they have performed the duty assigned them. and that the principle scrip burned by the committee amounted to the sum of \$17398.²⁰/₁₀₀. Which sum the committee counted and found correct and to correspond with the payments made at the Treasury since the report of the last committee

On motion the report was adopted by the House

Mr. Bean gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a bill to remove the Seat of Justice of Crawford County -

Mr. Wadsworth from the select committee to whom was referred the bill entitled "an Act to repeal an act passed at the Session of 1825 entitled an act in amendment to the act relative to writs of Habeas Corpus" reported the bill to the House with amendments which on motion were adopted

The bill entitled "An act regulating the Judicial System of the Territory of Arkansas" was taken up and read a second time and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow

On motion of Mr. Montgomery the engrossed bill entitled "an act supplementary to an act concerning administrations" was laid on the Table

The engrossed bill entitled "An act authorizing the Circuit Courts to appoint additional -

Resolutions was taken up and read a third time and passed.

The bill entitled "An act to locate the permanent seat of Justice in the County of Lafayette" was taken up and read a second time and the motion of Mr Wilson was ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow.

The bill entitled "An act supplementary to an act regulating the collection of taxes on military bounty lands" was taken up and read a second time and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow.

The bill ^{from the Council} entitled "An act for the relief of persons who have purchased lands at the 'tax sales'" was taken up and read a second time and ordered to a third reading on its final passage tomorrow.

The bill from the Legislative Council entitled "An act concerning certain Executors and Administrators in the County of Izard" was taken up and read a ~~second~~ second time and ordered to a third reading tomorrow.

The bill entitled "An act appointing commissioners to superintend the building of a Court House in the Town of Little Rock" was read a second time and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow.

Mr Wilson asked and obtained leave to withdraw the motion given by him on Saturday last for the introduction of a bill to for the apportionment of the debt due by the County of Hempstead or the money in the treasury of said County between the Counties of Lafayette & Hempstead.

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole Mr Harwin in the Chair on the bill entitled "An act supplementary to an act for the recovery of small debts" and after some time spent in the consideration of the bill the committee rose and reported the same to the House without amendment which report was agreed to by the House where upon the bill was ordered to be engrossed & read a third time tomorrow

Pursuant to notice Mr Johnson obtained leave and introduced a bill entitled "An act to locate the seat of Justice of St Francis County" which was read a first time and ordered to a second reading.

Journal of the house

Mr Montgomery offered the following Resolution
Whereas Andrew Scott late a Judge of the United States for the Territory of Arkansas was nominated by the President of the United States at the last session of Congress for reappointment and was rejected by the Senate on Technical grounds without trial or notice.

And Whereas the said Scott has resided in the Territory since the formation of its Government and was the first United States officer that came into the Territory and has strictly adhered to his duties without absence of time or departure from duties officially or privately. Therefore

Resolved. Unanimously by the members of the Legislative Council and House of representation for the Territory of Arkansas that we approve of the President's nomination of the late Judge Scott for reappointment as being worthy of himself and due to the man.

Resolved. That the said Judge Scott has been a worthy just and energetic Judge and never absent from duty when duty called for the last eight years

Ordered to be engrossed from the Journal

Resolved. That the character standing & condition
of the said Scott entitle him to the consideration
of the General Government.

Resolved that said Scott is worthy of and compe-
tent to, the duties of any appointment which the
General Government may confer upon him.

Resolved. Unanimously that the President
of the Legislative Council and Speaker of the
House of Representatives sign the foregoing resolu-
tions and cause the same to be printed in the
Arkansas Gazette."

On motion the resolution was laid on
the Table

Pursuant to previous notice Mr Wordin
obtained leave and introduced a bill entitled
"An act to repeal an act entitled an act to repeal
a part of the second and the whole of the third sections
of an act to suppress the practice of duelling" which
was read a first time and ordered to a second
reading

Mr Wordin filed the petition of John Perisfield
of Clark County praying for relief

which was referred to a select committee composed
of Messrs Wordin Bear & Wilson

Mr Wordin gave notice that on tomorrow he
would ask leave to introduce a bill to abolish
imprisonment for debt

Mr Clark gave notice that on tomorrow he would
ask leave to introduce a bill to authorize
John Anderson of Hempstead County to sell goods
wares and merchandise without a license

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr
Barfield informing the House that the Legislative
Council had passed the bill from the House of
Representatives entitled "an act repealing an act

entitled an act supplementary to the several laws regulating the collection of taxes. Also that they have passed the following bills viz. An act relative to the stray laws now in force

An act defining the Northwestern boundary of the County of Pulaski.

An act supplementary to an act in Geyers digest of the laws of Missouri under the title Constables and asking the concurrence of the House to the same

The bill from the Legislative Council entitled an act defining the Northwestern boundary of the County of Pulaski was taken up and read a first time and ordered to a second reading.

The bill from the Council entitled an act supplementary to an act in Geyers digest of the laws of Missouri under the title Constables" was taken up and read a first time and ordered to a second reading

The bill from the Council entitled "an act concerning Strays" was taken up and read a first time and on motion of Mr. Ringgold was ordered to lie on the table until the 4th day of July next

The bill entitled an act to repeal an act passed at the Session of 1825 relative to Writ of Certiorari was read a third time and on its final passage and on the question Shall the bill pass? the yeas & nays being called for were as follows Yeas Messrs. Bean, Clark, Harkin, Henshaw Johnson

Nays Messrs. Montgomery Ringgold Nelson and Mr. Speaker and the bill was passed with amendments and sent to the Council for concurrence

A message from the Governor by Mr Smith his
private Secretary informing the house that he had
approved and signed "An act for the division of the
County of Hempstead"

And the House adjourned until 9 o'clock Tomorrow

Wednesday October 17th 1827

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Pursuant to previous notice Mr Bean obtained
leave and introduced a bill entitled "An act to locate
the seat of Justice in Crawford County" which was
read a first time and ordered to a second reading tomorrow

Pursuant to previous notice Mr Clark obtained leave
and introduced a bill entitled "An act authorizing John
Anderson to sell Merchandise without license" which
was read a first time and ordered to a second reading

On motion Mr Hardin had leave to withdraw his
notice given yesterday for bringing in a bill to abolish
imprisonment for debt

On motion of Mr Wilson the House resolved itself into
Committee of the whole Mr Hardin in the Chair on the
bill entitled "An act regulating the Judicial System of
the Territory of Arkansas." And after some time spent
in the consideration thereof the Committee rose and
reported the bill to the House with amendments which
were adopted by the House and

On motion of Mr Wilson the bill was ordered to be
engrossed and read a third time tomorrow on its final passage

On motion of Mr Wilson the bill entitled "An act supple-
mentary to an act regulating Elections" was taken and read a
third time upon its final passage and passed and sent to the
Council for concurrence

On motion of Mr Ringgold the report of the joint committee on the Auditor and Treasurer's books was taken up and adopted by the House.

On motion of Mr Wilson the House resolved itself into committee of the whole Mr Clark in the chair on the bill entitled "An act to locate permanently the seat of Justice in Lafayette County" and after some time spent in the consideration thereof the committee rose and reported the bill to the House with amendments which were adopted by the House and

On motion of Mr Wilson the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow on its final passage.

On motion of Mr Wilson the further consideration of the bill entitled "An act supplementary to an act regulating the collection of taxes on Military bounty land" was postponed until Friday next.

On motion of Mr Hays the bill entitled "An act supplementary to an act concerning administrations" was taken up. And on motion of Mr Montgomery was referred to a select committee.

The bill from the Council entitled "An act for the relief of Persons who have purchased land at the Tax sales supposing them to be bounty land, which were otherwise appropriated" was taken up and read a third time and Passed.

The bill from the Council entitled "An act concerning certain Executors and Administrators in the County of Izard" was taken up and read a third time and Passed.

On motion of Mr Wilson the House resolved itself into committee of the whole Mr Johnson in the chair upon the bill entitled "An act appointing —"

Commissioners to build a Court House in the Town of
Little Rock and after some time spent in the considera-
tion of the same the Committee rose and reported the
bill to the House with amendments which were adopted
by the House, and

On motion the bill was ordered to be engrossed
and read a third time tomorrow

The engrossed bill entitled "An act supplementary to an
act for the recovery of small debts" was taken up and
read a third time and Passed, and sent to the
Council for concurrence.

The bill entitled "An act to locate the seat of Justice
in St Francis County" was taken up and read a
second time, and on motion of Mr Johnson the
rules of the House were dispensed with and the bill
was read a third time and Passed, sent to the
Council for concurrence.

The bill entitled "An act to repeal an act, entitled
an act to repeal a part of the second and the whole of
the third section of an act to suppress the Practice of
duelling?" was read a second time, and ordered to be
committed to a Committee of the whole and made the
order of the day for Friday next.

The bill from the Legislative Council entitled "An
act defining the northwestern boundary of the
County of Pulaski" was read a second time and ordered
to be committed to a committee of the whole and made the
order of the day for tomorrow.

The bill from the Legislative Council entitled "An
act supplementary to an act in Grey's digest of the
Laws of Missouri under the title 'Constables'" was
read a second time and committed to a committee
of the whole and made the order of the day
for tomorrow.

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Clark informing the House that the Council have passed the bill from the House of Representatives entitled "An act supplementary to an act for the regulation of the Town of Little Rock, and for other purposes approved Acts 27th 1825. And the bill entitled An act to repeal the several laws allowing compensation to road Commissioners &c with some amendments and that the Council have passed a bill entitled "An act preventing Constables from executing and selling negro Slaves under execution and for other purposes

The bill entitled An act for the regulation of the Town of Little Rock & for other purposes was taken up with the amendments made thereto by the Legislative Council and on the question will the House concur in the amendments it was decided in the negative. So the House refused to accede to the amendment

The bill from the Council entitled "An act preventing Constables from executing and selling negro Slaves under execution, & for other purposes" was taken up and read a first time and ordered to a second reading

The bill entitled An act to repeal the several laws allowing compensation to road Commissioners &c with the amendments made thereto by the Council was taken up and read and on motion the House concurred in the amendments.

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Borfudo informing the House that the Council had assented to the amendment proposed by the House of Representatives to the bill entitled "An act to repeal an act passed at the session of 1825 entitled an act in amendment of the act relative to writs of *habeas corpus*" On motion of

Mr Nelson the House receded from their amendment to the bill.

Mr Johnson gave notice that on to morrow he would ask leave to introduce ^{the money in} a bill to adjust the County Treasury of Phillips County between the Counties of Phillips & St Francis.

And the House adjourned to 9 o'clock
Tomorrow

Thursday October 18th 1827

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Johnson from the Joint Committee on Enrollments reported to the House that they had duly examined and enrolled the following bills to wit.

An act concerning certain Executors and Administrators in the County of Izard.

An act to repeal an act passed at the Session of 1825 relative to Writs of Certiorari.

An act for the relief of persons who have purchased lands at the Tax sales in the different counties of this Territory supposing them to be Military bounty lands which had been otherwise appropriated.

Mr Hardin from the Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Sheriff of Crittenden County on the subject of Piddler's licenses Reported to the House that after having the matter under consideration they conceived no change necessary in the law upon that subject.

Mr Montgomery from the select committee to whom was referred the bill entitled "An act supplementary to an act concerning Administrations" reported the bill to the House without amendments.

Mr Warden from the select committee to whom the subject was referred made the following Report. The select committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Percifield, ask leave to report that we have had the subject under consideration, and no evidence either written or verbal which justifies the Legislature in making any provision for his relief has been presented. We therefore move to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. On motion the report was adopted by the House and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr Ringgold offered the following Resolution Resolved. That it be the duty of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or President of the Legislative Council to note on each and every warrant the word "Satisfied" that has been handed to them by the committee appointed to examine the Auditor & Treasurer's books." which resolution was adopted by the House.

Mr Montgomery from the committee on Memorials Reported to the House a memorial to the President of the United States on the subject of School lands which was read a first time and the rules of the House being dispensed with it was read a second and third time & passed & sent to the council for concurrence.

The bill entitled "An act to locate the seat of Justice in Crawford County" was read a second time and the rules of the House being dispensed with it was read a third time and passed, and sent to the Council for concurrence.

The bill entitled "An act to authorize John Anderson to sell Merchandise without a License" was read a second time and the rules of the House having

been dispensed with it was read a third time and on the question shall the bill pass it was decided in the negative. So the bill was rejected.

The bill entitled An act regulating the Judicial system of the Territory of Arkansas was taken up and read a third time and on motion of Mr Ringgold the bill was ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day. and

On motion of Mr Ringgold the House resolved itself into committee of the whole Mr Wordin in the chair on said bill and after some time spent in the consideration thereof the committee rose and reported the bill to the House with amendments and asked and obtained leave to sit again this day.

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Farrelly in informing the House that they reced from the amendment made by them to the bill entitled An act supplementary to an act for the regulation of the Town of Little Rock and for other purposes

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Berfield in informing the House that the Council have passed an act permanently to locate the seat of Justice in Conway County. And also that they have passed the Memorial from the House of Representatives on the subject of School lands.

And also that they have passed the bill from the House of Representatives entitled an act to locate the seat of Justice in the County of Clark without amendment

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Hogan informing the House that the Council have passed a Memorial to the President of the United States on the subject of the Choctaw lands & ask the concurrence of the House thereto
And the House adjourned until 3 o'clock P.M.

Thursday October 18th 1827 3 o'clock PM

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Hordain gave notice that on Tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a bill concerning Grand Jurors.

The House met into committee of the whole Mr Hordain in the Chair on the bill entitled "An act regulating the Judicial system of the Territory of Arkansas" and after some time spent in the consideration thereof the committee rose and reported the bill as amended

Mr Wilson ^{moved} that the House disagree to the amendment made to the bill by the committee allowing an additional compensation ^{of \$100} to the Judges for ^{any} extra services that they may render in holding Courts other than those of their own circuits and on the question will the House disagree to the amendment. The yeas and nays being called for stood thus Yeas 16 nays 5. Hordain, Edwards, Smith & Wilson Yeas. Messrs Bean - Johnson - Montgomery Ringgold & Mr Speaker 5. So the House refused to disagree to the amendment

On motion the House adopted the amendments reported by the Chairman of the Committee

On motion of Mr Wilson the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow on its final passage

And the House adjourned until 9 o'clock Tomorrow

Friday October 19th 1827

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Johnson from the joint Committee on Enrollments Reported to the House that they had duly examined and enrolled.

An act supplementary to an act for the regulation of the Town of Lead Rock and for other purposes
Also act to repeal the several laws allowing compensation to road commissioners overseers of roads and Justices of the Peace for apportioning the hands to work on roads

Memorials to the President of the United States on the subject of School lands.

Mr Nelson from the Committee on Memorials reported a memorial to the House, addressed to the Congress of the United States on the subject of "graduating the price of the Public lands" which was read a first time and the rules of the House were dispensed with and it was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow

Mr Montgomery gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled an act for the relief of John Adams Sheriff of Ford County —

Pursuant to previous notice Mr Ward obtained leave and introduced a bill entitled "An act concerning Jurors" which was read a first time and ordered to a second reading.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr Johnson obtained leave and introduced a bill entitled an act to apportion the money in the Treasury of Phillips County between the Counties of Phillips and

St Francis which was read a first time and the rules of the House being dispensed with it was read a second & third time. & passed. Sent to the Council for concurrence

On motion of Mr Wilson the House took ^{up} the engrossed bill entitled "An act to regulate the Judicial system of the Territory of Arkansas" and Mr Stardin having been called to the chair as Speaker pro tem ^{the bill was read a 3rd time} Mr Wilson moved to amend the fourth section of the bill by striking out that part giving a compensation to the Judges of the Circuit Courts of fifty dollars for each circuit that they may be compelled to hold other than those of their own circuits and on the question will the house agree to the proposed amendment: the yeas and nays being called for were as follows Yeas Messrs Bean, Clark Stardin - Hudspeeth Johnson Ringgold & Wilson 7 Nays Messrs Montgomery and Mr Speaker 2 So the amendment was adopted.

The question was then proposed upon the final passage of the bill and the yeas and nays being called for were as follows (viz) Yeas Messrs Bean, Clark - Stardin Hudspeeth - Johnson - Ringgold and Wilson 7. Nays Messrs Montgomery and Mr Speaker 2. So the bill Passed and was sent to the Council for concurrence

Upon motion of Mr Sevier he ~~was~~ leave granted him to spread upon the Journals on tomorrow his protest against the final passage of the bill entitled An act regulating the Judicial system of the Territory of Arkansas

The bill entitled An act to locate permanently the seat of Justice in Lafayette County was read a third time and Passed and sent to the Council for concurrence

On motion of Mr Wilson ^{the bill} the bill entitled "An act supplementary to an act regulating the collection of Taxes on Military bounty lands" was deferred until Monday next.

The bill entitled An act supplementary to an act concerning administration was taken up and read a third time on its final passage Mr. Block offered an amendment to the bill which was adopted by the House and on the question shall the bill pass? it was decided in the affirmative so the bill Passed and was sent to the Council for their concurrence

The bill entitled The act appointing commissioners to build a Levee House in the Town of Little Rock for the benefit of the victims of Pulaski County was read a third time and Passed and sent to the Council for concurrence

On motion of Mr. Wilson the House went into Committee of the whole Mr. Johnson in the Chair upon the bill entitled An act to repeal an act entitled an act to repeal a part of the second and the whole of the third section of an act to suppress the practice of duelling and after some time spent in the consideration of the same the Committee rose and reported the bill as amended by striking out the first section with the enacting clause and

On motion the House adopted the amendment and the bill was rejected

On motion of Mr. Montgomery the House resolved itself into committee of the whole Mr. Wilson in the Chair upon the bill from the Council entitled An act defining the Northwestern boundary of the County of Pulaski and after some time spent in the consideration thereof the committee rose and reported the bill without amendment and asked and obtained leave to sit again tomorrow

On motion of Mr. Wilson the House resolved itself into committee of the whole Mr. Wilson in the Chair on the bill entitled An act supplementary to an act in regard to the laws of Missouri

under the "seoustables" and after some time spent in the consideration thereof the committee rose and reported the bill as amended. On motion the amendments were accepted by the House.

Mr Nelson moved to lay the bill on the table until the first day of May next which motion was concurred in by the House.

The bill intitled "an act preventing seoustables from executing and selling Negro slaves under Execution & for other purposes" was read a second time and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for Monday next.

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Farrelly informing the House that the Council had passed the following bill from the House of Representatives 1845. The act to locate the seat of Justice in Crawford County & an act to locate the seat of Justice in the County of St. Francis without amendment.

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Farrelly informing the House that the Council had rescinded the order made by them that no bill shall be introduced after the 25th of Octr instant and have adopted a Resolution that no bill shall be introduced into the Legislative Council after the 25th day of Octr instant or in the House of Representatives. On motion the House concurred in the resolution.

And the House adjourned until 9 O'clock To morrow.

Saturday October 20th 1827

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Wilson from the Committee on the Judiciary reported to the House a bill entitled "An act to repeal an act allowing interest on debts" which was read a first time and ordered to a second reading

The bill from the Legislative Council entitled an "An act to locate the permanent seat of Justice in Kentucky County" was taken up and read a first time and the rules of the House having been dispensed with the bill was read a second and third times and Passed

The memorial ^{from the Congress} to the Congress of the United States in behalf of the citizens of Miller and Crawford Counties was read a first time and the rules of the House having been dispensed with it was read a second and third time and Passed

Mr Wilson gave notice that on Monday next he would ask leave to introduce a bill for the relief of Seles T. Toussaint.

Pursuant to notice Mr Montgomery obtained leave and brought in a bill entitled "An act for the relief of the Sheriff of Izard County" which was read a first time and ordered to a second reading

The Engrossed Memorial to the Congress of the United States on the subject of graduating the price of the public lands was read a third time and Passed and sent to the Council for concurrence

The bill entitled "An act concerning errors" was read a second time and on motion the rules of the House were dispensed with and the bill was read a third time and Passed and sent to the Council for concurrence

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole Mr Hardin in the Chair upon the bill from the Council entitled "An act defining the Northwestern boundary of the County of Pulaski." and after some time spent in the consideration of the same the ~~House~~ committee rose and reported the bill as a messenger, the bill was then read a third time and passed and sent back to the Council for concurrence in the amendments

A Message from the Governor by Mr Smith his private Secretary as follows viz

To the General Assembly of the Territory of Arkansas Fellow Citizens. Experience has shown that the provisions of the "Act supplementary to an act relative to Justices of the peace, passed October 30th 1823" are insufficient to deter many individuals from committing Breaches of the Peace. I recommend a revision of that act and suggest that the maximum of the fine be extended Ark. Territory Oct 20th 1827 Geo Lloyd
Which Message was on motion referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A message from the Governor by Mr Smith his Private Secretary Mr Smith informing the House that he had approved and signed the following acts: viz

An act permanently to locate the seat of Justice for the County of Lawrence.

An act for the relief of persons that have purchased lands at the Tax Sales in the different Counties in this Territory - Supposing them to be Military bounty lands which had been otherwise appropriated

An act to repeal an act passed at the Session of 1825 entitled an act in amendment to the act relative to writs of Habeas Corpus

An act concerning certain Executors and Administrators in the County of Izard

An act entitled an act repealing an act supplementary to the several laws regulating the collection of Taxes.

An act supplementary to an act for the regulation of the Town of Little Rock, and for other purposes approved October 27th 1825.

An act supplementary to the several laws concerning roads.

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Clark informing the House that they had rejected the bill from the House of Representatives entitled An act authorizing the Circuit Courts to appoint additional constables.

Mr. Johnson from the Joint Committee on Enrollments reported to the House that they had duly examined and enrolled the following bills (1825)

A Memorial to the President of the United States relative to a treaty with the Cherokee Indians of 8th July 1824

An act to locate the seat of Justice of Crawford County.

Montgomery (Memorial to the Congress of the United States on the the subject of ⁹ ratifying the form of the Public Lands)

An act to locate the seat of Justice of St Francis County.

We, William Montgomery and Ambrose H. Sevier — Representatives in the General Assembly of the Territory of Arkansas. Do in our names and in the names of our constituents. Solemnly protest against the passage of an act entitled "An act regulating the Judicial System of the Territory of Arkansas". And by the indulgence of the House do spread upon our Journals the

reasons of our opposition to - and protest against the passage of the act aforesaid -

We protest against the passage of the aforesaid act first. Because in our opinion the Legislature has not the power under our organic law nor under the act of Congress of 1820, (entitled "An act relative to the Territory of Arkansas" which act incorporates as a part of our organic law the act of Congress of 1812, entitled "An act providing for the government of the Territory of Missouri" and the act of 1816 entitled "An act to alter certain parts of the act providing for the government of the Territory of Missouri") to pass an act fraught with the provisions that the act is entitled "An act regulating the judicial system of the Territory of Arkansas" -

We protest in the second place against the passage of the act aforesaid, because if ever the Legislature had the power to pass such an act as the one to which we refer, it would as we conceive be extremely impolitic, and will not without immeasurable inconvenience to our constituents have a tendency to discharge our public debt.

First. If the act of Congress of 1820 repealed the seventh section of our organic law of 1819 and we did not as is true, proceed to organize a judicial system, as it is contended we had the power to do - under the third section of the act of 1816 - the tenth section of the act of 1812 is to all intents and purposes in full force.

If so our Superior Court have for years past assumed and exercised a jurisdiction they never possessed. One of our Judges held those courts often - and once - One ~~one~~ of our Judges tried a man for his life - whereas by the section of law last referred to it requires two of said Judges to constitute a court. This fact we mention to show that the construction lately given to our Organic Law never has before been given to it either by

Our Court or bar— when— often would they have
availed themselves of this circumstance, if it were
only to obtain a continuance of a cause? (See the
10th section of the act of 1812) We refer to the third section
of the act of 1816. That that section is not in force
now can't be until we choose to make it, and if
previous to this time, our courts or our bar or our
people never considered the tenth section of the act
of 1812 in force, the third section of the act of 1816
could not now be made in force and we should
be compelled [or we heretofore always considered we
were] to have reference to— and be governed by our
own Organic law of 1819. Under the seventh
section of that law we have always cited to which
section we here leave to refer.

Further in our organic of 1819, we find
a part of the Organic law of Missouri of 1812, adopted
(in sixth section) which relates to the organization
of a General Assembly &c. In our Organic law
this is all that is adopted. Let us then be permitted
to state the requests of the Organic law of 1812 upon
this subject— (See eighth section of the Missouri
Organic law which requires the legislative council
to be appointed by the President &c) Under this
section our first Legislature should have been
organized, but such was not the fact. In the
winter of 1820, the people proceeded and from
each County elected a Councillor as the did
a member of the House of Representatives
which was not in accordance to the Organic
law of 1812, which by our Organic law was
adopted. Thus elected they met to pass laws
and did pass some laws— but they were not
signed or approved by the Governor because
he thought it illegal as the Council had not been
legally organized consequently both houses adopted
a memorial to Congress and forwarded it on by
our delegate in Congress to legalize the mode of their
organization, and so to alter their Organic law as
to allow the people of our country the privilege

of electing members to the Legislative Council as they were authorized to elect their members to the House of Representatives. These are facts known to every old settler of our Territory. On this Memorial Congress passed the Act of 1820 relative to the Arkansas Territory. And after the passage of said act, the Legislature ~~after~~ ^{and} proceeded to pass laws — and since that time to the present day we have had elections and elected the legislative council, under the provisions of the Organic Law of 1816 (see first section of said act) no other construction was ever put of the act of 1820 than to elect instead of having the President ^{to appoint} our Legislative Council and to change the period of their service from five to two years. And by reference to said Act it will be found to have no other rational construction than the one we give it. To bear us out in our construction we again ^{our Constitution} refer to the act of 1820 and submit of all ^{our Constitution} an attentive perusal of the same.

In the third place we protest against the act aforesaid, because if ever the legislature had the power it is impolitic. What are the provisions of this act? It chunks off our Territory into four Judicial districts. And to three of them it assigns the Judges of the Superior Court, and to the other a Circuit Judge. The act gives to the Circuit Judge exclusive Jurisdiction of all criminal cases, as is unquestionably correct if the third section of the act of 1816 is in force and the Superior Court except in cases of appeals can't try an original Criminal case. The consequence then is that we have no power anywhere either in the Superior or Circuit Courts in the fourth Circuit to try a Capital case if even the right exists to said Circuit Courts to try any criminal case. In what a situation then would our country be, if no power existed in our Courts to try criminals — Further suppose said Judges of the Superior Court were

to refuse to hold our Circuit Courts where is the power in us to compel them. Why should we pass a law if the means are denied us of enforcing it. Another objection — if said Judge were to hold Circuit Courts and from his decision appeals should be taken, would it be just that he should again sit upon the case, would he not have an undue influence over his brother Judges? and further would it not cost our Territory more money in those Counties where no jail exists in paying Sheriffs and guards him &c than we would save in our change of system — Another objection all suits for all sums of money up to one hundred dollars must be brought before a Justice of the peace, and by reference to the organic Law aforesaid, the Superior Court or the Circuit Courts made out of the Superior Court can't have jurisdiction under one hundred dollars, and consequently the decisions of a Justice of the peace are in all cases of debt final. Can this be called — politics.

Such doubts existed as to the policy of organizing a judicial system under the act of Congress of 1876 that even in Missouri where there was no doubt as to the power they never exercised it, but continued their old system under their old organic Law of 1872.

These are some of our reasons for opposing and protesting against the passage of the "act regulating the Judicial system of the Territory of Arkansas", other objections exist as to the details of the act, but these ^{we} leave at this time. But in conclusion of our protest we unhesitatingly say that the embarrassed situation of our Territory requires of us the most rigid economy, and that any measures calculated to discharge our public debt, and lower the taxes on our constituents ought eagerly and unanimously to be

adopted by our Legislature. And we further say that the act aforesaid has been passed with an eye single to that object. But believing that our Legislature has no power to pass such a law, and believing it to be impolitic on many accounts, we cannot though we regret it, join the friends of the act aforesaid, but have entered our protest to release ourselves from the responsibility of the measure, which we sincerely hope may never be to the country as calamitous as we anticipate.

J. H. Sever
William Montgomery

And the House adjourned untill 9 o'clock
Monday next

Monday October 22nd 1827

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr Johnson from the Joint Committee on Enrollments reported to the House that they had duly examined and enrolled the following Acts.

An act permanently to locate the seat of Justice in Conway County.

An act to locate the permanent seat of Justice in Clark County.

An act regulating the Succession system of the Territory of Arkansas.

Pursuant to notice Mr Wilson obtained leave and introduced a bill entitled "an act for the relief of Silas T. Loney" which was read a first time and ordered to a second reading.

The bill entitled "An act to repeal an act allowing Interest on scrip" was read a second time and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow

The bill entitled "An act for the relief of John Adams Sheriff of Ford County" was read a second time and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow

On motion of Mr Bean the house took up the bill from the council entitled "An act permanently to locate the seat of justice in Lively County"

Mr Bean offered an amendment to the bill which was adopted by the House. the bill was then read a third time on its final passage and passed with amendments and sent back to the Council for their concurrence therein.

Mr Doudsforth obtained leave and introduced a bill entitled "An act to legitimize the children and legalize the marriage of Matthias Mock" which was read a first time and the rules of the House being dispensed with it was read a second time and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Hogan informing the House that the Council have passed the bill from the House of Representatives entitled "An act regulating the Judicial system of the Territory of Arkansas without amendment" and that the Council disagree to the amendment made by the House of Representatives to the bill entitled "An act defining the northwestern boundary of the County of Polaski. On Motion

The House receded from their amendment to the bill.

Mr Ringgold from the Committee on Memorials reported to the House a Memorial to the Congress of the United States on the subject of the Judiciary of this Territory which was read a first time and ordered to a second reading

On Motion of Mr Ringgold the House went into Committee of the Whole Mr Johnson in the Chair on the bill entitled An act preventing Constables from executing and selling Negro Slaves under Execution and for other purposes and after some time spent in the consideration thereof the Committee rose and reported the bill to the House without amendment The bill was then read a third time and Passed

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Clark informing the House that they have disagreed to the amendment made by the House of Representatives to the first section of the bill entitled "An act to locate the seat of Justice in Loving County" and that they agree to the amendment made in the ninth section of the same

On Motion the House receded from their amendment to the first section of the bill

A message from the governor by his private Secretary Mr Smith informing the House that he had approved and signed the following Acts (1013)

An act to locate the seat of Justice in Crawford County

An act to locate the seat of Justice of the County of St Francis

And the House adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow

Tuesday October 23rd 1827

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Clark from the Committee on Memorials reported a Memorial to the House - to the President of the United States upon the subject of the Raft in Red River. Which was read a first time and on Motion the rules of the House were dispensed with and it was read a second and third time and Passed and sent to the Council for concurrence

Mr Montgomery from the Committee on Memorials Reported to the House a Memorial to the Congress of the United States on the subject of a Road from the mouth of White River in this Territory to the Post of Washata in the State of Louisiana Which was read a first time and on Motion the rules of the House were dispensed with it was read a second time and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow

Mr Clark gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a bill for the removal of the seat of Justice of Miller County

Mrs Wilson & Ringgold were added to the Committee of ways and means

The bill entitled "An act for the relief of Elias L. Loucay and others" was read a second time and on Motion of Mr Wilson the bill was amended, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow in its final passage.

On motion of Mr Ringgold the House Resolved itself into committee of the whole Mr Clark in the Chair on the bill entitled an act to repeal an act allowing interest on debts and after some time spent in the consideration thereof the committee rose and reported the bill with amendments which were concurred in by the House. and

On motion of Mr Wilson the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow on its final passage

On motion of Mr Wilson the House Resolved itself into committee of the whole Mr Bean in the Chair upon the bill entitled "an Act for the relief of John Adams Sheriff of Izard County and James Kelleam Sheriff of Conway County" and after some time spent in the consideration of the bill the committee rose and reported the same to the House with amendments which were concurred in by the House and On motion of Mr Montgomery the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow on its final passage

On motion of Mr Ringgold the House resolved itself into committee of the whole Mr Montgomery in the Chair upon the bill for the relief of Mathias Mock and after some time spent in the consideration thereof the committee rose and reported the bill to the House as amended by striking out the whole of the bill after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof a clause divorcing George M. Still from his wife Margaret Still which amendments were concurred in by the House. and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow on its final passage

The Memorial to the Congress of the United States upon the subject of the Summary system of the Territory of Arkansas was read a second time and on motion of Mr Ringgold the rules of the House were dispensed with and the Memorial was read a third time and Passed and sent to the Council for concurrence.

The bill from the Legislative Council entitled "An act to define the Northwestern boundary of Conway County" was read a first time and ordered to a second reading.

The bill from the Legislative Council entitled "An act further defining the duties of Clerks" was read a first time and ordered to a second reading.

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Fowler informing the House that the Council have passed the following bills (1857)

An act to define the Northwestern boundary of Conway County.

An act to repeal the third section of an act supplementary to the several laws now in force regulating the fiscal concerns of the Territory.

An act further defining the duties of Clerks.

Also the bills from the House of Representatives entitled "An act to apportion the debt due by the County of Phillips between the Counties of Phillips and St. Francis."

An act to locate the seat of Justice of Lafayette County with amendments.

An act supplementary to an act concerning administration.

The bill from the Council entitled "An act to repeal the third section of an act supplementary to the several laws now in force regulating the fiscal concerns of this Territory" was read a first time and

On motion of Mr Wilson the bill was ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled "An act to abolish the office of Brigade Inspector" was read a first time and ordered to a second reading.

The bill from the legislative council entitled "An act for the relief of the Sheriff of Arkadelphia County" was read a first time and ordered to a second reading.

The bill entitled "An act permanently to locate the seat of Justice of Lafayette County" was taken up and on motion the House concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the Council.

The bill entitled "An act supplementary to an act concerning Administrations" was taken up and on motion the House concurred in the amendments made thereto by the Council.

A message from the Legislative Council informing the House that the Council have passed the bill from the House of Representatives entitled "An act concerning Errors" and a Memorial on the subject of the reduction of the price of public lands without amendment. And also that the following bills have passed the Council "An act for the relief of the Sheriff of Arkansas County".

"An act to abolish the office of Brigade Inspector"

Mr Johnson from the Joint Committee on Enrollments reported to the House that they had duly examined and enrolled the following acts. (1015)

An act to apportion the debt due by the
county of Phillips between the counties of
Phillips and St Francis

An act defining the northwestern boundary
of the county of Pulaski

An act preventing Constables from executing
and selling negro slaves under execution and
for other purposes

An act to locate the seat of Justice for
the county of Louisa and for other purposes

A message from the Governor by his private
Secretary Mr Smith informing the House
that he had approved and signed the following
acts (1874)

An act permanently to locate the seat
of Justice in the county of Clark

Also An act permanently to locate the
seat of Justice for the county of
Barrow

And the House adjourned to 9 o'clock
Tomorrow

Wednesday October 24th 1827

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Johnson from the Joint Committee on Enrollments reported to the House that they had duly examined and enrolled the following acts &c.

A memorial to the Congress of the United States relative to the inhabitants of Crawford and Miller Counties.

An act concerning Jurors.

An act supplementary to an act concerning Administrations

A memorial to the Congress of the United States upon the subject of graduating the price of the public lands

An act to locate the Seat of Justice in the County of Lafayette

Mr Wilson from the Committee on the Judiciary obtained leave and introduced a bill entitled "An act supplementary to an act establishing the office of Prosecuting Attorney" which was read a first time and ordered to a second reading

Mr Wilson from the Committee of Ways and Means obtained leave and introduced a bill entitled "An act making appropriations for the years 1828 and 1829" which was read a first time and ordered to a second reading

A message from the Legislature, received by Mr Fowler informing the House that the Council have passed the bill from the House of Representatives entitled "An act appointing commissioners to superintend the building of a Court House in the Town of Little Rock" with an amendment. On motion of Mr Wilson the House concurred in the amendment.

On motion of Mr Ringgold the House resolved itself into committee of the whole Mr Johnson in the chair upon the Memorial to Congress relative to a road leading from the mouth of White River in this Territory by way of the Post of Arkansas to the Post of Washita in the State of Louisiana and after some time spent in the consideration thereof the committee rose and reported the Memorial to the House as amended. and

On motion the House refused to concur in the amendments. The Memorial was then read a third time and Passed and sent to the Council for concurrence

Pursuant to previous notice Mr Clark obtained leave and introduced a bill entitled "An act to fix the seat of Justice in Miller County" which was read a first time and the rules of the house having been dispensed with the bill was read a second and third time and Passed and sent to the Council for concurrence.

The bill entitled "An act for the relief of Silas A. Lovern and others" was read a third time and Passed and sent to the Council for concurrence

The bill entitled "An act to repeal an act allowing interest on deposits" was read a third time and Passed and sent to the Council for concurrence

The bill entitled "An act for the relief of the Shempps of Izard and Conway Counties" was read a third time and passed and sent to the Council for concurrence

The bill entitled "An act to dissolve the bonds of Matrimony existing between Israel M. Hill and Margaret Hill" was read a third time and Passed and sent to the Council for concurrence

The bill from the legislative council entitled
An act defining the Northwestern boundary
of of Conway County was read a second time
and the rules of the House being dispensed with
the bill was read a third time and passed and
~~sent to the Council for concurrence~~

The bill from the Council entitled An act
further defining the duties of Clerks" was read
a second time and ordered to be committed to a
Committee of the whole and made the order of
the day for tomorrow

The bill from the Council entitled An act
abolishing the office of Brigade Inspector was
read a second time and the rules of the House
having been dispensed with the bill was read
a third time and Passed.

The bill from the Council entitled An act
for the relief of the Sheriff of Arkansas County
was read a second time and on motion the
rules of the House were dispensed with and
the bill was read a third time and Passed

On Motion of Mr Ringgold the House
resolved itself into committee of the whole
Mr Clark in the Chair upon the bill entitled
An act supplementary to an act regulating the
collection of Taxes on Military bounty lands
and after some time spent thereon the Committee
Rose and reported the bill as amended which
report was adopted by the House. and on
motion the bill was ordered to be engrossed
and read a third time tomorrow on its final
passage

A message from the legislative Council by
Mr Dillard informing the House that the Council
have passed the Memorial from the House of

Representations to the President of the United States on the subject of the raft of Red River - with out amendment

And also a bill entitled "An act - supplementary to the several laws regulating the fiscal concerns of this Territory"

The bill from the Council entitled "An act - supplementary to the several laws regulating the fiscal concerns of this Territory" was taken up and read a first time and on motion the rules of the House were dispensed with and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Farley informing the House that the Council have passed the Memorial from the House of Representatives on the subject of the appointment of a fourth Judge of the Superior Court &c with an amendment - and asking the concurrence of the House thereto

Mr. Wilson gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a bill to repeal the law requiring the Sheriff to take the census biannually

Also that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a bill concerning slaves

A message from the Governor by his private Secretary Mr. Smith as follows (1843)

To the General Assembly of Arkansas
Fellow Citizens

The Executive officers in several of the United States and in the Territory of Michigan, have transmitted from time to time the printed proceedings of their respective Legislatures to me as Governor of this Territory, I recommend to you a reciprocity of this courtesy, and that the Executive here be authorized to send to the several States

and Territories Copies of the acts of our General
Assembly

George Lloyd
Act 24th 1827

On motion of Mr Clark the Governor's
message of this date was referred to a select Committee
whereupon Messrs Clark Montgomery & Johnson
were appointed

Mr. Smith from the Governor by Mr Smith
his private Secretary informing the House
that he had approved and signed the following
bills 1827.

An act regulating the Judicial system
of the Territory of Arkansas

An act preventing Courtesans from
Executing and selling Negro Slaves under execution
and for other purposes

An act to locate the seat of Justice in Lovely
County and for other purposes

An act to apportion the debt due by
the County of Phillips between the Counties
of Phillips and St Francis

An act defining the Northwestern boundary
of the County of Polaski

And the House adjourned to 9 o'clock
tomorrow—

Thursday October 25th 1827

The House met pursuant adjournment

Mr Wilson from the committee on ways and Means Reported a bill to the House entitled "An act allowing compensation to the members of the present General Assembly and their officers which was read a first time and the rules of the house were dispensed and the bill was read a second time and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of this day.

Mr Johnson from the ^{Legislative} Committee on Enrollments Reported to the House that they had duly examined and enrolled the following bills (viz)

A memorial on the subject of the raft in Red River

An act appointing commissioners to superintend the building of a Court House in the Town of Little Rock

An act to abolish the office of Brigade Inspector

An act to define the Northwestern boundary of Conway County.

An act for the relief of the Sheriff of Arkansas County

Mr Wilson from the Select Committee to whom the subject was referred made the following Report

The committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of having the laws of this Territory digested ask leave to report that we have had the subject under consideration, and are of opinion that few measures would be better calculated to further the administration of Justice in our Courts of Justice than that of having the laws so digested and arranged that every person administering the laws should know the laws now in

force from those that have been repealed but from a thorough examination of the financial concerns of the Territory, and seeing the depressed situation of our Treasury we doubt the expediency of the measure, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion the report was concurred in by the House and the committee discharged.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr Wilson obtained leave and introduced a bill entitled "An act-amendatory to an act entitled an act-supplementary to the several laws concerning Slaves" which was read a first time and ordered to a second reading.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr Wilson obtained leave and introduced a bill entitled "An act-repealing the several laws now in force for taking the Census" which was read a first time and ordered to a second reading.

The bill entitled "An act-supplementary to an act-establishing the office of Prosecuting Attorney" was read a second time and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of this day.

The bill entitled "An act-making an appropriation for the years 1828 and 1829" was read a second time and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr Ringgold the House resolved itself into committee of the whole Mr Johnson in the chair upon the bill from the Legislative Council entitled "An act-further defining the duties of Clerks" and after some time spent in the consideration

thereof the committee rose and reported the bill to the House with amendments. which were adopted by the House. The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent back to the Council for their concurrence in the amendments.

The engrossed bill entitled "An act supplementary to an act regulating the collection of Taxes on Military bounty lands" was read a third time and Passed and sent to the Council for concurrence.

The bill ^{from the Council} entitled "An act supplementary to the several laws regulating the fiscal concerns of this Territory" was read a third time and Passed.

Pursuant to notice Mr Clark obtained leave and introduced a bill entitled "An act limiting the time that suits shall be brought for the recovery of lands" which was read a first time and ordered to a second reading.

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Barfield informing the House that they have passed the Memorial from the House of Representatives on the subject of a road from the Mouth of White River to Washita - and also that the following bills have passed the Council.

An act to repeal so much of the law as allows ten percent interest in certain cases.

An act to punish Adultery.

An act further extending the power of the commissioners to be elected to locate the seat of Justice in the County of St Francis.

The bill from the Council entitled "An act to repeal so much of the law as allows ten percent interest in certain cases" was taken up and read a first time and

On motion the bill was ordered to be laid on the table.

The bill from the Council entitled "An act to punish Adultery" was taken up and read a first time and ordered to a second reading.

The bill from the Council entitled "An act further extending the powers of the Commissioners to be elected to locate the seat of Justice in the County of St. Francis", was taken up and read a first time and on motion the rules of the House were dispensed with and the bill was read a second and third time and Passed.

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Farrelly informing the House that the Legislative Council have disagreed to all the amendments made by the House of Representatives to the bill entitled "An act further defining the duties of Clerks" and that they have appointed Messrs Farrelly, Lillard and Clark a committee of conference simple to take the said bill under consideration.

On motion Messrs Ringgold, Wilson, Montgomery and Johnson were appointed a committee of conference on the part of this House to take under consideration the bill entitled "An act further defining the duties of Clerks".

A message from the Council by Mr. Farrelly informing the House that the Council have passed a bill entitled "An act further to regulate trials before Justices of the Peace".

The bill from the Council entitled "An act further to regulate trials before Justices of the Peace" was taken up and read a first time and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilson the House resolved itself into committee of the whole Mr. Warden in the chair upon the bill entitled "An act allowing compensation

to the members of the present General Assembly and their officers" and after some time spent in the consideration thereof the committee rose and reported the bill with amendments which were adopted by the House. The bill was then read a third time and Passed and sent to the Council for concurrence

Mr Clark from the select committee to whom the subject was referred made the following report—

The committee to whom was referred the Governor's message on the subject of furnishing to the several States and Territories of the United States copies of our laws beg leave to report the following Resolved that the Governor of this Territory ^{of Arkansas} be requested to transmit at the cost of the Territory, copies of the several Acts passed by the Legislature since the organization of our Territorial Government

On motion the report was adopted by the House and the Council informed thereof by message

On motion of Mr Wilson the House resolved itself into committee of the whole Mr Ringgold in the Chair upon the bill entitled "An act supplementary to an act establishing the office of Prosecuting Attorney" and after some time spent thereon the committee rose and reported the bill with amendments, which were adopted by the House and on motion the rules of the House were dispensed with and the bill was read a third time upon its final passage, and upon the question Shall the bill pass? the yeas and nays being called for were as follows viz Yeas Messrs Bean—Clark—Johnson Ringgold & Wilson—Nays Messrs Hardin Hudspeth—Montgomery and Mr Speaker—

So the bill Passed and was sent to the Council for concurrence

A message from the Governor by his private Secretary Mr Smith informing the House that

He had approved and signed the following
Acts 1864

An act supplementary to an act concern-
ing Administrations

An act concerning Insors

An act to locate the permanent seat of
Justice in the County of Lafayette

A Message from the Legislative Council
informing the House that the Legislative
Council have adopted the Resolution from
the House of Representatives on the subject of
distributing the Laws to the several States and
Territories.

And also that the Council have passed a
Memorial to the Congress of the United States
on the subject of the reservation of land in the
Quapaw Treaty reserved for James Scull

And the House adjourned untill 9 o'clock
tomorrow

Friday October 26th 1827

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Johnson from the Joint Committee on enrollments reported to the House that they had duly examined and enrolled the following bills (Wiz)

An act further extending the powers of the commissioners to be elected to locate the seat of Justice of St Francis County.

An act supplementary to the several laws regulating the fiscal concerns of this Territory

A Memorial to the Congress of the United States upon the subject of a road from the Mouth of White River to the "Post" of Washita.

Mr Ringgold from the Committee ^{appointed} upon the subject made the following Report-

The committee of conference on the amendments to the bill further defining the duties of clerks have agreed to strike out all that part of the amendments to the first section of the bill except the penalty and recommended to alter that so as to say any sum not exceeding three hundred dollars, and have agreed to strike out all the second amendment after the word "door" in the 7th line: except the penalty & recommended to alter that so as to say any sum not exceeding three hundred dollars. And recommended also to amend the 3rd amendment by saying the Sheriff shall put up at the clerks office a copy of said delinquent list

On motion the report was concurred in by the House and the bill amended accordingly and read a third time and passed and sent back to the Council for their concurrence in the amendments

The bill entitled "An act amendatory to an act entitled an act supplementary to the several laws concerning Slaves" was read a 2nd time and ordered to be committed to committee of the whole & made the order of the day

The bill entitled "An act repealing the several laws now in force for taking the Census" was read a second time, and Mr Clark having taken the chair as Speaker pro tem Mr Levier moved to strike out the first section with the enacting clause. and on the question will the House agree to the motion, the yeas and nays being called for stood thus Yeas Messrs Bean - Johnson - Montgomery - Ringgold and Mr Speaker Nays Messrs Clark Hardin Idwspeth & Wilson So the first section with the enacting clause was stricken out and the bill was reported

On motion of Mr Wilson the House resolved itself into committee of the whole Mr Montgomery in the chair upon the bill entitled "An act making appropriations for the years 1828 and 1829" and after some time spent in the consideration thereof the committee rose and reported the bill with amendments which were adopted by the House And on motion of Mr Wilson the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow

The bill entitled "An act limiting the term that suits shall be brought for the recovery of Land" was read a second time and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow

The bill from the Council entitled "An act to punish Adultery" was read a second time. Mr Montgomery moved to amend the bill by striking out the first section with the enacting clause and on the question will the House agree to the amendment the yeas and nays being called for were as follows Yeas Messrs Idwspeth and Montgomery Nays Messrs Bean - Clark - Hardin Johnson - Ringgold Wilson & Mr Speaker. 7- So the House refused to adopt the proposed amendment and on motion the rules of the House were dispensed with & the bill was read a third time and Passed

The bill from the Council entitled "An act further to regulate trials before Justices of the Peace" was read a second time and on motion the rules of the House were dispensed with and the bill was read a third time and Passed—

The memorial to the Congress of the United States on the subject of James Sully's reservation of Land was read a first time and the rules of the House were dispensed with and it was read a second and third time and Passed—

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Barfield informing the House that the Council have passed the following bills viz "An act to locate the seat of Justice in Miller County" "An act to regulate costs in certain cases."

And also that they have Passed the following bills from the House of Representatives viz "An act for the relief of Elias T. Toneray and others"

"An act to dissolve the bonds of Matrimony heretofore contracted between Israel M. Hill and Margaret Hill"

The bill from the Council entitled "An act to locate the seat of Justice in Miller County" was taken up and read a first time and on motion of Mr Clark was laid on the Table.

The bill from the Council entitled "An act to regulate costs in certain cases" was taken up and read a first time and on motion of Mr Sills with the rules of the House were dispensed with and the bill was read a second time and

On motion of Mr Ringgold the bill was ordered to be laid on the Table until the fourth day of July next—

On motion of Mr Clark the bill from the bill from the Council entitled "An act to locate the seat of Justice in Miller County" was taken up and amended. and on motion of Mr Montgomery the rules of the House were dispensed with and the bill was read a second and third time and Passed and sent back to the Council for their concurrence in the amendment.

A Message from the Council by Mr Clark informing the House that the Council have agreed to the amendments proposed by the joint-committee of conference to the bill entitled "An act further defining the duties of clerks" as the same were reported from the House of Representatives

And also that the Council have Passed the bill from the House of Representatives entitled "An act for the relief of the Sheriff of Izard and Conway Counties" with amendments on motion the amendments were concurred in by the House

On motion of Mr Wilson the House resolved itself into committee of the whole Mr Bean in the chair upon the bill entitled "An act amendatory to an act entitled an act Supplementary to the several laws concerning Slaves" and after some time spent in the consideration of the same the Committee rose and reported the bill to the House with amendments which were adopted by the House And on motion the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow on its final passage -

And the House adjourned to
- 9 O'clock tomorrow

Saturday Oct 27th 1827

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Johnson from the Select Committee on Enrollments reported to the House that they had duly examined and enrolled the following bills - (viz) -

An act for the relief of the Sheriff of York and Conway Counties -

An act to dissolve the bonds of Matrimony heretofore contracted between Israel M Will and Margaret Will -

An act to punish Adultery -

An act further to regulate Trials before Justices of the Peace

An act for the relief of Elias T Loueray & others

An act further defining the duties of Clerks &c

A memorial to the Congress of the United States on the subject of Land Seizure Restraint of Land

A memorial to the Congress of the United States on the subject of a fourth Judge &c

On motion of Mr Wilson the House resolved itself into committee of the whole. Mr Wilson in the chair up the bill entitled "An act limiting the time in which suits shall be brought for the recovery of Land" and after some time spent in the consideration thereof the committee rose and reported the bill as amended. Which amendment was adopted by the House. And on motion the rules of the House were dispensed with and the bill was read a third time and Passed and sent to the Council for concurrence -

On motion of Mr Ringgold a committee from the House of Representatives consisting of Messrs Ringgold & Montgomery was appointed to act in conjunction with a committee from the Legislative Council to wait on the Governor and inform him

That the House of Representatives
the Legislature would be ready to
adjourn on Monday next unless the hon
further communications to make - of which
the Council was informed by message.

The engrossed bill entitled "An act making
appropriations for the years 1828 & 1829"
was read a third time and passed and sent
to the Council for concurrence.

The engrossed bill entitled "An act amendatory
to an act entitled an act supplementary to the
several laws concerning Slaves" was read a
third time and passed & sent to the Council
for concurrence.

A message from the Council by Mr. Barfelo
informing the House that the Council had passed
the bill from the House of Representatives entitled
"An act regulating the collection of Taxes on
Military bounty lands" with sundry amendments
and also that the Council have passed a
bill entitled "An act supplementary to the
several laws of this Territory defining the powers
and duties of Justices of the Peace in matters
of a civil nature and for other purposes."

The bill entitled "An act supplementary
to an act regulating the collection of taxes
on Military bounty lands" was taken up
and on motion was ordered to be laid on the
table until Monday next.

The bill from the Council entitled "An act
supplementary to the several laws of this Territory
defining the powers and duties of Justices of the
Peace" was taken up and read a first time and
Mr. Nelson having been called to the chair as Speaker
on motion on Mr. Sevier the bill was
ordered to be laid on the table until the 4th day of
July next.

A message from the Governor by Mr Smith
his private Secretary informing the House that
he had approved and signed the following acts (viz)

An act further defining the powers of the
commissioners to be elected to locate the seat
of justice in St Francis County.

An act appointing commissioners to build
a Court House in the Town of Little Rock for the
benefit of the citizens of Pulaski County.

An act supplementary to the General laws
regulating the fiscal concerns of this Territory.

An act for the relief of the Sheriff of Arkansas
County.

An act to abolish the office of Brigade
Inspector.

An act to define the Northwestern boundary
of the County of Conway.

And the House adjourned to 9 o'clock
tomorrow.

Monday . October 29th 1827

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The bill entitled "An act supplementary to An act regulating the collection of Taxes on Military ~~boundary~~ lands" was taken up and read with the amendments made thereto by the Council and on motion of Mr Ringgold the House concurred in the amendments.

Mr Wilson offered the following Resolution
"Resolved by the General Assembly of the Territory of Arkansas, That the Governor of this Territory be and he is hereby authorized and requested to have printed in pamphlet form six hundred copies of the acts of the present General Assembly and to distribute them on application of those entitled to copies in the manner herein after provided (viz), To the Governor and Secretary each one copy - to the Judges of the Superior and Circuit Courts each one copy - to the Clerks of the Superior and Circuit Courts each one copy - to the Sheriffs of the several Counties each one copy - to each Justice of the Peace one copy - to the Constables of each Township one copy - to the Prosecuting Attorneys each one copy - to each Member of the Legislature one copy - and to the Auditor and Treasurer each one copy." Which Resolution was adopted by the House.

Mr Ringgold offered the following Resolution

Resolved, by the General Assembly of the Territory of Arkansas, That William E. Woodruff be and he is hereby allowed the sum of one hundred and thirty two dollars for printing in pamphlet form six hundred and fifty copies of the Journals of the present General Assembly; and when said Journals are printed and delivered to the Governor of this Territory he is

authorized to certify the account therefor to the Territorial Auditor, who shall thereupon issue his warrant for said sum on the Territorial Treasurer and the said treasurer is hereby required to pay the same out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Resolved, further, that the Governor be requested to cause fifty copies of said ~~off~~ Journals to be transmitted to each of the clerks of the Circuit Courts of this Territory; and the said Clerks are hereby required on application to deliver twenty five copies of said Journals to each of the members of the present General Assembly from their respective Counties, to be by them distributed, among and for the information of their constituents. Which Resolution was adopted by the House.

And the House adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow

Tuesday, October 30th 1827

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Johnson from the ^{Joint} Committee on Enrollments reported to the House that they had duly examined and enrolled the following bills viz,

An act to locate the Seat of Justice in Miller County

An act supplementary to an act regulating the collection of Taxes on Military bounty lands

On motion of Mr Wilson the House agreed to reconsider their vote on the final passage of the memorial to the President of the United States upon the subject of the road from

Murphy to Little Rock.

The Memorial was then taken up and amended and passed sent back to the Council for their concurrence in the amendment.

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Hogan informing the House that the Council have passed a bill entitled "An Act Supplementary to an act regulating the Militia" and ask the concurrence of the House thereto.

Also that they have passed the bill from the House of Representatives entitled "An Act Supplementary to an act establishing the office of Prosecuting Attorney, with some amendments."

Also that they have adopted the ^{following} Resolution viz, Resolved by the General Assembly of the Territory of Arkansas, That the Treasurer of the Territory furnish for the use of the Territory a stamp for the purpose of cutting the scrips redeemed at the Treasury. And the Auditor of public accounts is directed to issue his warrant in favor of the Treasurer for the amount necessary to purchase the same.

Also that Messrs Hogan and Bosfield are appointed a committee on the part of the Council to wait on the Governor and inform him that the Legislature will be ready to adjourn on Monday.

Also that the Council have adopted the Resolutions from the House of Representatives relative to printing the Journals and the Act of the General Assembly.

The bill from the Council entitled "An act Supplementary to an act regulating the Militia" was taken up and read a first time and on motion of Mr Bean the rules of the House were dispensed with and the bill was read a second and third time and Passed.

The bill intitled "An act supplementary to an act establishing the office of Prosecuting Attorney" was taken up with the amendments made thereto by the Council. and on motion of Mr Wilson the House concurred in the amendments.

The bill intitled "An act

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr Clark informing the House that they have passed the bill from the House of Representatives intitled "An act allowing compensation to the members of the present General Assembly and their officers" with amendments and asking the concurrence of the House thereto.

The bill intitled "An act allowing compensation to the members of the present General Assembly and their officers" was taken up with the amendments made thereto by the Council the House refused to concur in the first amendment to the bill - and concurred in the second.

The Resolution from the Council authorizing the Treasurer to procure a stamp to cut the paper returned at the Treasury was taken up and adopted by the House.

Mrs Ringgold and Montgomery were appointed a committee on the part of this house to wait on the Governor and inform him that this House will be ready to adjourn on Wednesday.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr Dillard informing the House that the Council have agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives to the Memorial on the subject of the Memphis & Little Rock road.

Also that they have Passed the bill from the House of Representatives entitled "An act limiting the time that suits shall be brought for the recovery of Land" with an amendment. On motion the House concurred in the amendment.

A message from the Legislative Council informing the House that the Council have passed the bill from the House of Representatives entitled "An act making appropriations for the years 1828 & 1829" with some amendments.

Also that they read from the first amendment made by them to the bill entitled "An act allowing compensation to the members of the present General Assembly and their officers".

The bill entitled "An act making appropriations for the years 1828 & 1829" was taken up with the amendments made thereto by the Legislative Council. and the House refused to concur in the amendments.

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Hogan informing the House that the Council have adopted the following Resolution viz

Whereas it is represented that James Miles Sheriff of Clark County paid into the Territorial Treasury on the 24th of November 1824 the sum of ninety six dollars & seventy five cents, and a receipt issued for the same which appears to have been mislaid consequently the said Sheriff cannot have a credit for said amount in settlement of his accounts with the Auditor

Therefore — Resolved. That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a duplicate receipt to said Sheriff for the sum of ninety six dollars & 75 cents and that the Auditor be authorized to allow the same

Sherriff a credit for the same in settlement of his accounts"

Also that they have passed a bill entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel S. Hall" & ask the concurrence of the House thereto

The resolution from the council for the relief of James Miles Sherriff of Clark County was taken up and read and adopted by the House

The bill from the council entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel S. Hall" was taken up and read a first time and the rules of the House being dispensed with the bill was read a second and third time and Passed

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Clark informing the House that the Council insist on the amendments made by them to the bill entitled "An act making appropriations for the years 1828 & 1829 & a part of 1826 & 27" and request the House to appoint a committee of conference to take the same under consideration & that Messrs. Hambley, Sill and Clark have been appointed the said committee on the part of the Council

Messrs. Johnson and Wilson were appointed a committee of conference on the part of this house to take under consideration the amendments made by the council to the bill entitled "An act making appropriations for the years 1826 & 1829 &c" who made the following Report. That they have had the same under consideration and have agreed to agree to the amendments of the council by increasing the contingent fund to one thousand dollars.

On motion the report of the committee was concurred in by the House and the bill was amended accordingly & sent back to the council for their concurrence therein

A Message from the Governor by his Private Secretary Mr Smith as follows 1843

To the General Assembly of the Territory of Arkansas

Fellow Citizens

The peculiar circumstances attending the case of divorce for which you passed the act transmitted to me induce me though reluctantly to sanction it. I am still impressed with a conviction that on the sanctity of the matrimonial connection, depends much of the morality of all communities.

The bills to punish the crime of adultery would I apprehend be attended with many inconveniences, in its present shape. It would give to malvolence the means of deeply wounding the feelings and happiness of innocent families and would render our Courts of Justice theatres in which would be represented scenes of gross indecency and licentiousness.

I must therefore withhold my approval
Geo Lloyd

A message from the Governor by his private Secretary Mr Smith informing the House that he had approved and signed the following Acts 1843

An act for the relief of the Sheriffs of Izard & Conway Counties

An act further to regulate trials before Justices of the Peace.

An act to dissolve the bonds of Matrimony heretofore entered into between Samuel Hill & Margaret Hill

An act for the relief of Silas & Leicrey & others.

An act further defining the duties of Clerks

And the House adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow

Wednesday October 31st 1827

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Johnson from the Joint Committee on Enrollments reported to the House that they had duly examined and enrolled the following bills viz

✓ An act limiting the time that suits shall be brought for the recovery of lands

✓ An act amendatory to an act entitled an act supplementary to the several laws concerning Slaves

✓ An act supplementary to an act establishing the office of Prosecuting Attorney

✓ A Resolution for the relief of James Miles Sheriff of Clark County

✓ A Resolution authorizing the Treasurer of the Territory to furnish a Stamp to cut the Surplus at the Treasury

✓ An act allowing compensation to the members of the present General Assembly and their officers

✓ An act for the relief of Samuel S Hall

A memorial on the subject of the Memphis and Little Rock roads

✓ An act making appropriations for the years 1828 & 1829

✓ An act supplementary to an act regulating the Militia & a resolution relative to printing the

Acts & Journal of the Legislature

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Wolf in forming the House that the Council have adopted the following resolution

Resolved by the Legislative Council & House of Representatives, that the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the House of Representatives be authorized to close the present Session of the General Assembly by adjourning them respectively at Kansas this day the 31st Inst. In motion the resolution was concurred in by the House

A message from the Governor by Mr Smith
his private Secretary informing the House
that he had approved and signed the following
acts viz

An act supplementary to an act regulating
the location of Tents on Military bounty lands

An act to locate the seat of Justice of Miller
County

An act supplementary to an act establishing the
office of Prosecuting Attorney.

An act for the relief of Samuel L. Hall

An act limiting the time that suits shall
be brought for the recovery of land

An act supplementary to an act regulating
the Militia

An act making appropriations for the years
1828 & 1829 & part of the years 1826 & 1827

An act allowing compensation to the members
of the General Assembly and their officers

An act ~~supplement~~ amendatory to an act entitled
an act supplementary to the several laws
concerning Slaves

A resolution authorizing the Treasurer of
the Territory to furnish a Stamp or Mark

A resolution for the relief of James Miles
Sheriff of Clark County.

A memorial to the President respecting the
road from Memphis to Little Rock

The committee on ways & means reported to
the House that they had deposited the furniture
of the building to the General Assembly with
Ambrose H. Sever & filed the following receipt

Received of the Legislature five plain
Tables four pitchers one Bogen tin humbler
half doz Ink stands 4 sand boxes 4 benches
all of which I promise to the Legislature
at their next session or furnish others
of equal value Dec. 31st 1827
A. H. Sever

The following Message was received from the Governor by Mr Smith his private Secretary to the General Assembly of the Territory of Arkansas
Fellow Citizens

I congratulate you on having reached the term of your duties and occupations as members of the Legislature and I indulge the belief that your labours will be followed by considerable benefit to this Territory and the full approbation of your constituents.

The several Memorials addressed by you to the President & Congress shall be forwarded without delay. Let me add my cordial wishes for your happy meeting with the objects of affection you have left at your respective homes
Geo Ford

A message from the Governor by Mr Smith his private Secretary Mr Smith informing the House that he had approved and signed the following Resolutions

A resolution authorizing the Governor to have six hundred copies of the acts of the General Assembly printed in Pamphlet form.

A resolution making an appropriation for printing the Journals of the General Assembly

Mr Ruggals offers the following Resolution
Resolved That the thanks of this House be given to Ambrose Ed Sevier for the able and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties as Speaker of this House of Representatives

Resolved That the thanks of this House be given to Andrew Roam for the faithful and diligent manner he has discharged the duties of clerk to the House of Representatives when resolutions were adopted by the House

A Message from the Legislative Council
by Mr. Lillard informing the House that
they have gone through with the business
before them and are now ready to adjourn.
I am an - whenever the house adjourns
'sine die'

A. Roane Clerk
of the House of
Representatives

A. A. Liver-
spranger of the House
of Representatives

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